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January 18, 1966.

Dear Eric:

It was nice to talk with you last evening, and only hope the phone bill wasn't too high! I just had a letter from the friend with the colonial note collection, and as I don't have any copying equipment, must send off to him my list together with my values, etc., so will send that along a little later.

Here is the one N.Y. note I mentioned; if you have it, no harm done. In the group I acquired two weeks ago, there was also a 20sh. of Penna., 1764 emission, with a very faint signature of George Clymer. To the best of my recollection, he always signed with red ink, one reason for the faintness, in the two previous notes I have had over the years, but I'm certain it is genuine. A chap in Florida sold me a 5sh. note of Penna., of the 1780 issue, which he stated had been yours. I was not sure if I had a phot of this issue from Boyd's or not, but found I did; the only trouble in using it for the book is that the negative was apparently light-struck, so perhaps I can re-touch the print, and use it, as that one is about perfect as to condition, and would rather use it than making a photo of this one.

Then too, I'm trying to get good colored slides for the ANA Visual Education Committee, together with a 30 minute talk on colonial notes, and am trying to use nicely colored notes for that purposes, especially where two colors were used, as they are more interesting to the general viewer.

My listing of Penna. obsoletes continues to grow, and suppose that by the time it is finished, it will total somewhere around 4,000 notes, when scrip is included, and should certainly prove a real stimulus to that series. Here are three excellent specimens too of early N.Y. obsoletes. I am keeping complete descriptions of every note, regardless of the state of issue, which will help other researchers of various states in making up their obsolete listings.

I think the "bearded one" should stick to his coin studies without going into the colonial note field; his accounts as written up for the Blue Ridge Sale were overly verbose and contributed nothing but lengthy reading matter! I hope all is well with you, and that you will receive these notes promptly. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



January 21, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

With respect to the Pennsylvania 1780 issue, I have four different denominations in my own collection and I will gladly make a Xerox copy which can be used for reproduction, or you may photograph my best one, or I will photograph it, if you want. Xerox copies reproduce beautifully. Please let me know your wishes.

I am returning herewith the 5 shilling 1788 New York note which you were kind enough to send. I do have this counterfeit in my collection already although yours is slightly better than mine. I was certainly hoping it was a genuine note but no such luck.

I have a very large group of 35 mm. Kodachrome pictures of Colonial notes which I have used for a lecture many times. If you want to borrow them you can have reproductions made of any of the slides. I have early Massachusetts pieces, and rare Georgia, and what-have-you. Let me know what items you might wish to have reproduced.

I am also returning the three New York banknotes you sent as I have these in my collection already.

I look forward to the list of Colonials in your new acquisition group so that I can copy it.

I presume there is no rush on the Pennsylvania listing and will get to that in due course.

Thanks for taking care of my wishes so promptly and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

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January 25, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and the returned notes. I am glad to know about the New York note being a counterfeit, for I have not had enough of them to compare one with another, but confess the paper seemed somewhat inferior, and the workmanship too, but the signature seemed pretty well done. I have a strictly unc. Va. note for \$1.00 of the 5/1/80 issue, but didn't suppose you needed that one. Also have an \$8.00 note of New Jersey issue of 7/3/80, in very nice condition, if you would care to see it.

Here are some odd items you might like to look over, acquired last week. I would like to get a photo of a nice 1780 Penna. notes of any denomination, so that it could be included in the chapter on that issue. I think (but am not certain) that I will have pretty good photos of all emissions of Penna., to include in my book. Being up here has hampered my activities somewhat in respect to dropping in to various libraries for information, as I was able to do when in the city, and for that reason have been slow in completing it as I had hoped to do long before this! I've been busy too with trying to get started on my listing of Penna. obsoletes and scrip, and have started to make up final sheets for notes of each town, so that should some additions occur later, I can merely add them where necessary without disturbing the whole thing. I hope to get this finished by early spring and out of the way completely. In the very near future I'm meeting with L.C. Wismer's daughter, to gather some additional information which she has and is holding for me, which will also be worth while.

While in Florida, I had a set of three unc. notes of the Bank of Fernandina, Fla., of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations, offered to me for \$425.00, but thought the price too high, so turned them down, but from all accounts it appears there is a strong demand for good notes now, and I know of one party who last year spent in excess of \$50,000.00, for colonial and obsolete notes! So, I guess there are some few similar instances over the country, and think they will bring good prices as new information is given to the collectors. This stimulates interest and attracts new collectors. I've been in touch with a number of Marchhoff's researchers in some states, giving some data here and there, and getting a little for my listing as well.

I have some Kodachrome slides for the INA, and am awaiting the return of others I've made recently to see how they turn out. I must confine the talk to 30 minutes or so, and fear that if I include only the rare notes, the interest might not be as great as if nice specimens are shown of the more general issues which might more easily be acquired. But, I'll have to see just how much time is taken up with those I have now.

I hope all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Rich

January 31, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I just received your latest letter but will answer it shortly.

I do want to tell you, however, that although my New York 1788 note was marked "counterfeit", I have now reached the conclusion that it is not. Apparently the engraving of the New York seal was very poor on this issue so please treat it as a genuine note.

I also want to tell you that the old records I have indicate that your note is from the New York Historical Society. I have found old pictures of the identical note and wonder whether it was properly acquired from them. I call this to your attention because I feel you should investigate this matter.

Naturally, I would like to work out some way of acquiring the note in exchange for mine but think the title matter should be worked out first.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/stb

February 3, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your letter of January 25, 1966.

I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of the Pennsylvania June 1, 1780 note which you can use as an illustration if you wish.

I am sorry to state that I did not find anything which I need among the notes you sent. I am returning them herewith.

The Central America bank note is out of my field and I am not sure what country it is from.

The thing I really look forward to is the list of Colonial notes which you are endeavoring to acquire and, as I told you, I would be glad to photocopy and return it immediately so that you do not have any nuisance with respect to copying it.

I will be going over the Pennsylvania bank notes and scrip as soon as possible.

I am astounded that anybody would spend \$50,000 for Colonial and obsolete notes during a year, unless he acquired some very large collections, and wonder if the party involved is from Boston.

It is wonderful that you are able to cooperate with all of the various State researchers in the Marckhoff project, as I am sure many of them need lots of help. I am supposed to be doing Missouri but it is far down the line on the projects I must complete.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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February 7, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

In reading your article on Franklin, in The Scrapbook, I noticed that you say that Joseph Gray had running change printed for him by Franklin in June, 1764.

Would you be kind enough to give me the source from which you obtained this information. You probably have it at your fingertips and I probably would have to search the Franklin Papers and a few other spots. That would be most helpful.

Sincerely,

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February 11, 1966.

Dear Eric.

Thank you for your letter, and in response to your query regarding the "running change" as mentioned in the Franklin article, according to my references, it was from John Penning Watson's "History of Philadelphia." I am not certain, but I think it was also mentioned in Philip's work. Actually, I have never seen a specimen of such scrip, and have no way of knowing if it exists or not in any collections.

No, the party who has been buying up obsolete and colonial notes is not from Boston. Actually, I think he also bought some U.S. large-size notes in that amount mentioned as well, so it wasn't made up completely of those two series exclusively.

The Central American Bank Note you mentioned, and which I sent was from Santo Fe, not Central America, and for that reason is, I believe a desirable note.

Thank you for your Xerox copy of the Penna. note. Actually the one I think I may need is the April 19, 1780 emission, as the negative I have of the Boyd note was light-struck, and unless I do some careful touching up of the print with pen and ink, I have no other with which to illustrate that particular issue, except for one note, which isn't as nice as the Boyd specimen, and naturally would like to use as nice photos as I possibly can for my book.

Here is an excellent Georgia specimen; thought you might like to look it over. We are having a good thaw for the last several days, and it is good to see bits of earth, rocks, and our rooftop emerging again from under the huge mounds of snow that has had us snowbound for four weeks now! I hope all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



February 18, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

You were absolutely right. I found the source of your reference in Watson's "History of Philadelphia", along with another private issue of 1766. Thank you for the clue. I have never heard of a specimen in any collection, either.

I am sending you the front and back of my best piece of the April 29, 1780 Pennsylvania emission and you may wish to use this as an illustration in your book.

The Georgia piece you sent me is returned herewith as I have this piece virtually in identical condition. I have seven different border varieties of this item as I was fortunate to walk into a group of Georgias which had this particular issue well covered.

I am broken hearted about Fred Marckhoff's death as the project which he was organizing required the enthusiasm and experience of a man of his caliber. He had just sent me a long letter outlining the progress of his research during the past five years and we had been swapping information for as long as I can remember. Whatever the answer is to avoiding a heart attack, I do not know, but your method of living is one of the best things I know to avoid that problem.

Best regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 1966.

Dear Eric:

This is the first opportunity I have had to reply to your letter. After receiving a few letters and a phone call, the SPMC has induced me to carry on Fred's chairmanship on the obsolete note project, and, as I didn't want to see the thing abandoned or collapse from lack of support, will do all I can to help bring Fred's dream to fruition. Of course, a number of experts, who should be doing this, are too busy with other matters, and I can hear some in the future doing their back-biting and criticising. But, they never help anyone, except themselves!

A few of the fellows are working on books of their own, and want to get complete and full recognition for their work, which is understandable, but I think they make a mistake by so doing. They could list their notes briefly with the project, then publish their own work in greater detail. I am all for brevity, with completeness, if that is possible. Fred apparently sent out various formats, caused some difficulties for insisiting on doing things a certain way, and made some appointments, which weren't too good. I wrote to Lovi twice, who was supposed to handle Florida, and didn't even get the courtesy of a reply, so appointed Harley, who should have had it in the first place. Lovi doesn't have much of a collection, and his silence is enough of an excuse for me to do as I did!

A few younger chaps have volunteered their services, and as I needed someone for Va. to take Affleck's place, received word from two fellows this morning for Michigan and another state. George Wait wrote, I believe, that you had asked a young friend of yours to serve on the Missouri listing. Is that correct? I have no one appointed for that post, so if you care to let me know who it is, or ask him, if you feel he is qualified to do the work, I would appreciate it very much.

Although Nebraska was slated for publication, I fear that some changes will have to be made for brevity, for according to Fred's format, it would cost about \$1,900.00 to publish just that one state, and how many people will buy an expensive book just for that one? I guess my biggest task right now is to appease a number of fellows to get cooperation, and answers to about a million questions I have listed for an early meeting with the Board in New York, just as soon as I get the word! I'm setting up a meeting with a few others also, for some will help in my Penna. listing, which is well along on the final sheets, now through Phila., so as soon as that is done, I will know at a glance just what I have listed and easily add where necessary.

I was in York, Penna., the week-end of the 12th, and had long chats with Charlie Affleck, who went over his Va. book with me, and also had dinner with Paul Seitz, who conducts a fine auction. The colonial notes sold for very close to his estimates, using the cat. as a guide, and in fact, some sold for a few dollars more, so there is every indication that prices are sensible, and there is increased activity. I couldn't buy much out there, but met a number of fellows with whom I've corresponded for a long time.

I suppose I'll have to make arrangements for attending the ANA

Convention in August, and spend the week there, for there will be a lot of work for the SPMC to be done, and can meet with some of the researchers, etc., as to progress. I realize all too well my limitations for handling this work, but actually, there is little I can do to either help or hinder, except to add a description here and there from my own growing records of keeping a list of everything, with prices, that has passed through my hands.

Next week I'll be getting another group of obsoletes from the large Florida collection. I had also sent Warckhoff some scarce notes Jan. 27th, and although I have written to his brother twice, have as yet to hear from him. I just hope I get them back. I had sent among other things, a note for \$20,000.00, of the Bank of the United States.

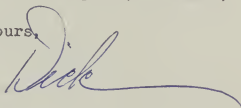
Here are some obsoletes you might want to look over. I received a nice letter this morning from John Pittman, who had received the set of slides and the talk which was to be included for the Visual Education Committee. He remarked, however, that the talk was little too long, so I guess they will trim it a bit. Actually, I find it so difficult to cut, when one is trying to include so much information in one talk!

A local minister dropped in last week, asking me to give a talk next summer for a Wednesday evening meeting, so I guess I'll get out my set of Biblical coin slides and the talk, and use that, which should be apropos!

Everything is moving along at a rapid pace; it keeps me busy trying to keep up with my mail. By the way, I was offered a Robinson copy of the "Fresher Doublook, in copper, of which I believe there were 25 struck. This is not a modern replica as Levinthall had made a few years ago. I've looked high and low for records of recent auction records, etc., but can find no data on it. What would you estimate its current value to be? I remember so well Boyd's carrying around the original in a plastic holder years ago, as a pocket piece! What a price that would bring in the high market today!

I hope all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



April 15, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Your long, friendly letter of March 22, 1966 was appreciated.

I think it is a great honor for you to be asked to carry on the obsolete paper money project and you are the man to do it. Don't worry about subsequent criticism but protect yourself by offering others, in writing, the opportunity of correcting and participating. There is no question about the fact that human nature is such that everybody seems to want independent recognition but getting things published is an entirely different story from talking about it.

As far as Missouri is concerned, the boy I thought would be interested in working on it is Larry Marsh, 69 Arundel Place, St. Louis, Missouri, but if I have to do the work I certainly won't leave you in a pinch. I have had the work done for a long time in one form or other.

A check for one of the obsoletes you sent me is enclosed and the balance are returned herewith. You certainly are free to send me anything else that comes your way.

You asked me as to the value of a Robinson copy of a Brasher Doubloon in copper. I believe this sort of thing is worthless and have been saying so for years but God knows people are willing to buy them. I have no idea what these fakes would sell for as that is strictly against my principles to participate in any commercial transaction relating to them. Maybe I am a nut but I feel very strongly on this subject of fakes, as you may know.

Kindest personal regards, as always.

Sincerely,

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April 18, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and glad you liked the Castine note, which is a nice early one. I have written to your friend, March, but have received no replies from him this date, and as I'm very anxious to get all states lined up, am in a quandry. Perhaps he could do some of the typing, etc., for you, which would be of great assistance to the whole thing, for I know your collection and the records you have, would be a most valuable contribution to what I think is a most important project.

I did get New York filled last week. Albert Moss bowed out due to failing eyesight, and a young fellow, who is reputed to be an eager worker will carry on, and of course, all of us try to assist one another with the various lists. I've kept records of every note or scrip, which I have had in my own possession, along with actual other notes I've seen. I had a most rewarding experience with Doc Blanchard, in New York, on the 2nd. We expect to get some cooperation from various numismatic publications with advertising for additional researchers and help, for the more we have working on it, the better it will be when completed and published.

I am enclosing a sample of the format to be used, along with a sheet of instructions, which should answer most questions. This is the outgrowth of the meeting we had. Harley Freeman wrote that he will probably have Florida's list within three months. Our BIG problem has been trying to get a transfer of data, papers, etc., from Fred Marchhoff's brother, who simply refuses to even answer any letters. Smedley was to try to get somewhere with a visit, but haven't heard as to his success. The Nebraska list is finished, was in Fred's possession, and so, our hopes of getting it in print have dimmed somewhat.

If you would have any unlisted notes, or scrip, which you think may help my Penna. list, such would be appreciated, and if you want to send a very brief list, I could check them off, return your list, and then you could give me a more detailed description of such notes. I'm pretty well along with my list, which expands every day it seems, and am hoping it will be fairly complete when finished. I still have a meeting with Mrs. Osmon to check over a large group, and other Penna. collectors are helping too. Here also are a few other recent acquisitions; thought you might find one or two of interest.

And so, I will assume that you will do the Mo. list, unless I hear from you to the contrary. Any other suggested researchers for some states still vacant, would also be very helpful. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



457 50.00 (L & R) Male portrait, 50 above. FIFTY in red. (C) Justice reclining in clouds, spread eagle, star above, girl with sheaf and sickle on right. Imprint: E. G. & Co. R. 5

BANK OF GEATARA

458 5.00 1814. Engr. (L) FIVE and DAUPHIN COUNTY in oval, V above, 5 below. (C) View of Middletown, V right, 5 left. (R) 5 and PENNSYLVANIA in oval, FIVE above, DOLL. below. R. 5

HARRISBURG, PORTLAND, MOUNT JOY AND LANCASTER A. R.

459 50c 1814. Engr. (L) Primitive train crossing bridge. (C) Allegorical figure. (R) Milkmaid. R. 6

460 1.00 1838. Engr. (L) Female seated. (C) Primitive train. (R) Farmer with pitchfork. R. 6

461 2.00 1838. Engr. (L) Train. (C) View of Capitol. (R) Commerce and Goddess of Music. R. 6

(Notes payable at Bank Of Middletown one year from date with interest at 5 per cent.)

1. Omit advertising notes, commission scrip, college bank notes, and all notes after 1900.
2. Include Railroad, Turnpike, and all scrip used as money in daily transactions.
3. Include & identify all altered, counterfeit, and spurious notes wherever possible to do so.
4. List notes by town alphabetically, and then by bank or last name of individual issuing scrip alphabetically within each town.
5. Number notes from 1 on up, much as Scott's stamp cat. does; if new notes are discovered later, such will be given a supplemental letter, as 148a. Later attribution will be recognized by the use of the state abbreviation, such as Pa. 148a, etc. No need to write the state's abbrev.
6. Omit Wisner nos. & his name if using his early references. This is only confusing to everyone.
7. Use term "medallion" instead of cameo, to describe that type of vignette often used.
8. Use year date only, do not include month & day for penned dates. If dates are engraved in note, write ~~year~~ ^{month & day}, followed by "Engr." to so signify.
9. Use c. instead of g when writing and listing fractional denominations.
10. Use word "Imprint" instead of "Engraver" thus: Imprint; A. E. & Co. with name underlined so that when printed this will be in Italics. *name in full.*
11. List lowest to highest denominations regardless of issue, in each list.
12. Use Rarity scale as follows: 1. Over 200; 2. 100 to 200; 3. 50 to 100; 4. 25 to 50; 5. 10 to 25; 6. 5 to 10; 7. 1 to 5. Approximate dollar values will be inserted in the beginning later at future meetings.
13. Double space all writings and do not underline names, except for above

mentioned imprint.

14. On separate sheet at beginning, make list of imprinter's names in full, with the years the company was in operation, if such information is available. Each state is to list its own names thus, so the text will be complete.

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INVOICE DATE OR NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE AMOUNT	DEDUCTIONS		NET PAYMENT	REFERENCE
			% DISC.	OTHER CREDITS		
	PURCHASE OF TWO ALLENTOWN, PENNA. BANK NOTES TO GIVE TO EXECUTIVE OF HESS DEPT. STORE, ALLENTOWN PENNA.				15.00	76-750

May 13, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Apparently I am too slow in my letter-writing, but I know you will forgive me.

I am one-quarter through my Pennsylvania notes comparing them to the Wismer write-up and I am finding many additions and corrections. I hope you do not mind it if I send them to you in longhand. It will be a while, yet.

The two Allentown notes are purchased and check is enclosed.

The Kentucky note is returned and the Dover note has been switched. It so happens that the Dover note you sent me is a counterfeit, as is the one I am returning. Your counterfeit is somewhat better than mine and in view of my continual purchases, I thought I might catch you in a liberal mood to permit this exchange. I do not believe that you realized it is a counterfeit.

Don't worry about the Missouri list. Either my friend or myself will see that it is done but I like to see how the first few states come out in order to simplify the amount of work.

I don't think you will have any trouble with Marckhoff's brother, but I am sure that if I were he I would be disgusted with the way all of the numismatists hopped him the minute his brother had died and tried to get the paper money and the writings and what-have-you. The vultures really outdo themselves and you, being perfectly innocent, were caught in the flight of the vultures.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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May 13, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and the note substitution is O.K. with me. You found me "in a liberal mood!" I did know it was counterfeit, and usually mention it as such if I believe any notes to be such, but apparently didn't do so in this case.

I've become infatuated with another phase of obsoletes since having spent some time with Doc Blanchard and others, with the idea of tying in vignettes with those used on actual notes. But, the search is long and arduous, although I received five in the mail this morning, and last week acquired a number of pages apparently from a salesman's book, issued by a Phila.lithographer, which copied many of the American Bank Note, etc., vignettes exactly, and have been getting together some kind of an exhibit or collection of such items.

I have had no intention of pursuing brother Kenneth regarding the disposal of Fred's personal property. I wrote again last week, pointing out that the notes I had sent were not Fred's, but my, property, and insisting that they be returned at once. I don't know how he will react, but I'm getting a bit fed up. I also had a letter from a chap in Illinois, who called me last Thursday, to tell me his office safe had been broken open, and his extensive collection of early colonial coins, colonial notes, scarce obsolete notes, Bank of United States, etc., items, had been stolen. I felt so sorry for him, and he indicated he is through. I had sold him some really choice items over several years; unc. 1/90 dollar of Bank of North American origin, many Bank of the United States notes and checks, etc., and I would just like to see some of those items come on the market!

I had letters from the researchers of two states recently, in which they stated

they hoped to have their lists completed and sent to me by the end of this month. My Penna. list continues to expand. I had a lengthy list sent this morning by a friend, who has a pretty nice collection of scrip mainly. So, I am hoping that we will be able to get a few lists published in the very near future, and then you can check as to your format, etc.

Friday we are driving to Binghampton, where Charlie French is conducting an auction in connection with the show there, and we are planning on spending the entire week in August in Chicago for the ANA Convention. En route, I'm hoping to stop off at the Ohio Historical Society, and Wesleyan, to check out rumors regarding their possibly listing Ohio notes.

Do you know of any solution to bring out faded signatures on paper? I have a Penna. note signed by George Clymer (I also got an excellent vignette of him recently), and it is quite faint but surely his signature. Since meeting with a few of the fellows at the York Show two months ago, I've been checking Peyton Randolph's signatures. One Note Seitz had listed was withdrawn, as you know, as Affleck stated it was counterfeit, and think you concurred! In checking some of the old Boyd photos, the signature on the earlier notes seems to have been done in the same manner, while the 1780 (I think) issue, shows his signature to be signed with the finished letter "d" in his name. This was shown in the earlier Va. article. Then last week I acquired another similar note, but signed by Tazewell and Johnson, with the Nicholas Carter signature on the reverse. All certainly seem to be identical with other signatures as noted on Va. notes, and cannot be convinced that any are counterfeit at this time! As with any such deviations, there is a lot of conjecture as to how the signatures might have differed.

Here are a few other notes you might like to look over. Do you know of any earlier scrip, issued by individuals, dated earlier than Jan. 18, 1777. I have an uncut sheet of 3,4,5,6 and 9 pence notes, issued by the Middle-Ferry on the Schuylkill, in Phila.? I am planning to note it as having been about the earliest scrip, and include a photo of it in my Penna. listing. I also got Watson's Annals in an old bookstore recently. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



May 27, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric W. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am enclosing the memos which I made from three volumes of my Pennsylvania notes. I have five more volumes to go. Would you let me know if these memos are of any help. If you need any more detail on any of them just give me a signal and I can photocopy any of the notes. I, of course, assume that much of the information I have detailed is already in your file.

A visit to Doc Blanchard is always a pleasure and he can get anyone intrigued with matching vignettes and notes.

Kenneth Merckhoff probably has been so abused by people trying to steal his brother's collection that he has no interest in doing anything from the numismatic point of view. I am sure that he will straighten out problems of the type you have as I understand they have a lawyer who will help to do this. It is just a shame that some of the vultures in the coin business don't even let a body get cold before they try to steal his collection.

With respect to the collection which you indicate was stolen from a friend of yours in Illinois I can only state that so many collections have disappeared, as mine has, and I wonder where they are.

I have absolutely no information on how to revive a faded signature.

You asked about the Middle Ferry notes, as to whether they were the first issued by an individual. The answer is "no". There were businesses which issued notes much earlier. That does not stop you from listing it. This scrip was written up in The Numismatist some years ago and I can find the reference if you need it.

The group of paper money which you sent me is returned herewith. I do not collect Canadian or College Bank Notes. The other items are not new to me. Send more at any time.

My kindest regards,

EPN/etb

RICHARD T. HOOBER

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June 3, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and the returned notes. Here is another group of nice notes, which you may like to look over.

I certainly do appreciate your sending me the unlisted notes. I will check through my growing list just as soon as possible for such as may be needed, and if, by chance, I need additional information as to descriptions, etc., I'll check them off and send the list back to you. I also received a lengthy list, mostly of scrip, from a Penna. collector, and I had a letter yesterday from Mrs. Osmun, who is also working to make up a list, so by the time our Penna. list is completed, it should be rather complete. I will be sure to add your name to those who have assisted in getting our list together. This is one point I've tried to emphasize to the researchers, to give recognition to everyone who assists.

I got a 2s.6d. Mass. note of the June 18, 1776, issue, signed by Wigglesworth; the first I've had in ages! I was glad to learn that the Middle Ferry note is not the earliest; I may well have exaggerated when I write up the item in our listing!

I had a nice apologetic letter from Kenneth Markhoff, who was apparently under the impression that Fred had paid for the notes. I wrote immediately to thank him for his cooperation, and tried to intimate we would appreciate a transfer of the papers, etc., pertaining to the project, which had been submitted by others. I had letters from Harley and the researcher for Miss., and am hoping to get their lists in the near future.

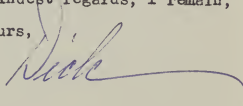
Yes, I think the chap in Illinois will probably give up collecting in the future; he was so discouraged after his robbery.

I acquired another group of vignettes yesterday, and had a nice letter from Doc Blanchard, who had been in the hospital getting a check-up, and plans to spend a few weeks in N.C., visiting relatives.

How are you and Marsh coming along with the Mo. list? Yes, we had a chap in Phila., who died recently, Dochkus, who lived with his sister, and no sooner had he passed away than the "vultures" descended on the house trying to snoop around and get the material. I know I've lost out in the past by being respectful, but would rather not have anything acquired in such a manner.

I trust all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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July 28, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Well, I trust you had a wonderful month's vacation, and hate to get back into harness once again! I've been keeping busy on my Penna. list, but later I want to check with you as to some of your descriptions; I have a complete Wismer list, typed out ages ago, but it doesn't include the numbers, and am somewhat at a loss as to just what your list includes, so I'm awaiting receipt of a copy with the numbers. I'll check it through then, and perhaps write for some additional data at that time. But, I'm continuing on my list, and it expands steadily!

Harley Freeman sent up 62 notes to be photographed, as his manuscript is about finished, and am hopeful of getting the D.C. and Miss., lists in the very near future, for I'm most anxious to get a couple of lists in the hopper, and into early publication. The paper has been selected, book cover colors also, and we are making progress despite the fact we had a couple of drop-outs for Ky. and Ohio. And such petty excuses. One chap wrote he heard that his state's historical society was doing a similar work, and he wasn't about to play second fiddle to anyone! After I wrote to the society, I learned they had no such plans! A lot of fellows love to see their names in print, but when it comes to doing some work, they are no where to be found. NOT ONE SINGLE DEALER has volunteered in any way, but you can bet your last dollar, they will be the first to criticise if they can detect the most miniscule error or omission when it is all finished. And, of course, some fellows want to do it entirely on their own reaping their own rewards, which is fine, but when it comes to printing costs, etc., the whole thing assumes an entirely different aspect! The big problem then is to determine just how many copies of a single state list will be sold. It will be like Thoreau's publishing his early work himself, paying for printing costs, and for years he had piles of copies in his cottage unsold, giving them away one by one finally

to friends!

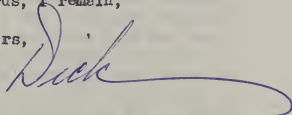
Here is a nice group of notes I recently acquired; thought you might like to look them over. Do you have the 1s.3d., and the 2s.6d. of the Mass. emission of June 18, 1776? I got those two in a small collection recently, along with a few others.

I've been getting a few vignettes, tying them in with notes, as well as the lithographed vignettes, and have been photographing them in color, as well as black & white negatives, for possible future articles and talks, etc. Sent in a brief article on a rare note I have signed by General Charles Gordon, and a few weeks ago I learned that a new film has been released, entitled merely "Khartoum," based on this almost legendary British soldier and his life in the Sudan. So, it should be timely and interesting to our SPMC readers. (I hope!) Barbara thought it pretty good from a letter she wrote to me.

So, I guess that's all the news for the time being. I understand you finally got the Va. proof notes from Howard Spain. I only wish I had had something worth-while he wanted, in trade for them.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

August 2, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I just got back from a pleasant summer vacation and have been slaving away on the Colonial Paper Money book which is now in galley proof form. The endless work which has gone into it you can well understand. I have included all of your writings in its bibliography.

Your comment that no dealer has volunteered to help you in your paper money undertaking is something which I will mention to the P.N.G. when I talk to them on August 15 at their meeting in Chicago.

Your next comment that everybody wants to get his name in print and does not want to finance any of the printing costs is certainly typical. If people could just get the personal satisfaction out of writing something new and different, as you have and as I have, they would not be the slightest worried as to whether they were compensated for it. Somewhere people get the idea that one can make money off numismatic books and I am patiently waiting to see that accomplished anywhere except by virtue of priced catalogues covering major series.

I certainly want to see the movie KHARTOUM. The whole British exploration and conquest of the Nile Valley is a fascinating subject.

As to the notes you sent, I have had these issues for a long time and so am returning them. I also have the two Massachusetts pieces you mentioned but please don't hesitate to report any other things which come your way.

Kindest regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,

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*Return
8/17/66
to ANA
convention
in Chicago.*

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August 8, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and glad to learn you had a fine vacation. Everyone is looking forward eagerly to the publication of your colonial paper money work, and I know it will be widely accepted as a standard reference for generations of collectors as yet unborn!

I have hopes of getting a nice Rhode Island note of the March 18, 1750, emission. A friend sent a copy of it this morning, and from all appearances, although I cannot be certain, it appears to be genuine, signed, etc. I'll just have to keep my fingers crossed! I did get a few other colonial notes, but nothing rare which would be of interest to you. I'm seeking a chemical solution to restore, or intensify, the signatures on old notes. I've heard of such being used on occassion, but thus far have had no success in locating it. I would like to bring out the George Clymer signature on a Penna. note I have.

My Penna. obsolete note list continues to expand, and it's becoming quite a sizeable bundle of pages at this point. A little later I will probably ask you for more detailed descriptions of some of the notes on your list. I'll check them out one by one, and send your sheets back. I sent a list of some Mo. notes to Marsh, and may have some others to send later, for I'm awaiting delivery of a nice collection of notes from many states.

I'm looking forward to being in Chicago on the 16th. I've never been there. Betty and I will be driving out, and will probably head for the hills again on Saturday. So, look these over, and trust all is well with you. I remain,

Cordisally yours,

Rich

Penna items of Eric P Newman
not in Wisner

Allegheny Bank of Pa, Bedford #2

Borough of Allegheny 25¢, May 22, 1837

County of Allegheny \$1⁰⁰ counterfeit May 1, 1846

Allentown Bank - Bills dated Apr 22, 1861 have red +
black print just like Apr 28, 1862

Richard Bache July 4, 1815 6 1/4¢ 10¢

Borough of Bellefonte May 1, 1843 6 1/4¢

Berks County Bank - Private individual scrip for 50¢
payable at bank, circa 1815

Berks County Bank, Reading date is June 1, 1841 on \$2 +
eng by Draper Toppan + Co

Wisner #1259 - Mine is date in ink July 25, 1836

#1261 Mine is engraved with date Jan 1, 1839 + has
Underwood Bald Spence + Huffy

#1262 My proof has no engraved date

#1269 Mine is dated Oct 20 1873 in ink and is
surcharged in red "Accepted for the Berks Co. R.R. Co."

#482 endorsed "Payable in Berwick" Murray
Draper Fairman + Co.

Borough of Bristol Jan 27, 1863 5¢ Am Bk Note Co.

Camden + Woodbury Railroad Transportation Co Sept 15, 1837

Phila ~~Oct 4, 1843~~ 10¢, 25¢

#386 this is scrip of Henry ~~Cassel~~ Cassel

#48 this is red + black

#250 Red + Black note

#254 Red + Black note

#67 Red + black note dated Aug 1, 1861

#70 Not Franklin on upper right.

~~Hydatian another June 26, 1848~~

Same type as #76 but \$2⁰⁰ dated June 26, 1818

J. Chase, Scranton Scrip 50¢ \$1⁰⁰

Farmers + Mechanics Bank of Pittsburgh. \$1
Blacksmith in Center ONE in oval on each end.

- 804 The date is written not engraved
1418 The date is written not engraved
807 Written date not engraved
589 Polar Bear not white bear
216 Date is written not engraved

— Bank of Gettysburg \$5 Underwood Ball Spencer + Huffy
Train of cars centered above. Hand with hammer below.
People of counties left + right.

— Bank of Gettysburg \$10 Underwood Ball Spencer + Huffy
Pattern of forge center. Medallions left + right. Train below
Medallions on each end

Bank of Gettysburg \$20 " " " "
three angels + portrait Head on left + right ends

Stephen Guard Upper right Eagle on shield \$5
Upper left Ship (5) (V) "Stephen Guard" on left end.

Stephen Guard, Banker \$5, Center ship.
Eagles right + left of center. Portraits on left +
right ends Chas Toppin + Co Phila

Guard Bank, three sail ships + steamboat center
Two portraits, \$5, Underwood Ball Spencer + Huffy
Medallion on left end. Female with pole + shield on right
end.

827 Date is written not engraved

830 same

Guard Loan Co 12 1/2¢ Railroad engine center. Same
as 10¢ as to figures on ends.

G. W. Goodrich Exchange + Bank House
Reading Pa 5¢ 10¢ June 1, 1862
25¢ 50¢

#709 Green overprint
Clarksburg, Pa Due bearer Jan 1, 1863 no issuer 25¢

#97 American Bank Note Co made it.
Clinton County, Lock Haven, Pa 10/13/62 15¢ 25¢

E Collings 10¢ Sutter 9/6/61
Cochranon Borough, Crawford Co 1/12/63 5¢

Columbia Bank & Bldg Co - no date Two female
figures - Washington portrait on left - railroad on right
#183 Date is written May 5, 1860
#187 Date is written Aug 1, 1860.

Bank of Commerce, Phila \$100 written date Jan 4, 1843
~~Bank of Commerce, Phila \$100 written date Jan 4, 1843~~

#760 The engraved date is April 16, 1862

Corsica, Pa Jan 1, 1863 unsigned private scrip
Geo S Corwin 12/15/63, Catasquequa, Pa scrip

Borough of Easton Dec 1, 1862 10¢, 15¢ 25¢.

Borough of East Alexandria, Pa 10/16/37 \$1⁰⁰ \$2⁰⁰

#151 is a fictitious made up phoney

#165 is date Jan 1, 1816

Eby & Kunkel scrip Harrisburg 11/20/62 5¢

Borough of Erie #1, #2

City of Erie 10¢, 20¢ and 50¢ (only the 50¢ is dated 11/1/62)

Erie County \$1 9/10/62, \$2⁰⁰ 1/15/67?

Cyster & Bro. scrip Chambersburg 12/16/62 written date

~~#27 Date is Jan 18, 1861 - 5¢ 5¢ 1/1~~

#31 Green + black print

~~#100 high fineness in center 10 in gold and 10 in silver
13 miles from Phila Dela. 1/15/67 1/15/67 1/15/67
Ant. 1/15/67~~

C.H. Gordon Feb 1, 1863 Reynoldsville 10¢

- 219 ~~Written date not engraved.~~
222 ~~Written date not engraved~~
223 " " " "
224 " " " "

Borough of Harnsburg 25¢ ~~the~~ Conestoga wagon
drawn by four horses. Female figure at each end

- 232 ~~Written date not engraved~~
237 " " " "

Hinkletown School House and Sunday School
Society ~~June~~ 6 1/4¢ July 10, 1837 Hinkletown
Morris, Printer

Hallsdayburg Furnace \$1⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰

Wm. Hollinshead, Shroudsburg Pa Feb 23, 1863
2¢ Mortar + Pestle.

262 Honesdale Oak \$10⁰⁰ Pardon Wright Hatch + Elson
Bunkerfoot. Blacksmith at right of page but there
is no lady on left.

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Counterfeit. Blacksmith at right of page but there
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August 30, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Well, the show is over for another year. We left Saturday at 1:30 PM, and drove straight through, arriving back in our hills at 4:00 AM? Sunday, tired but glad to be back again safe and sound! I hope you had no difficulties in making the trip home either.

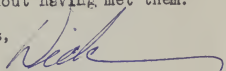
I have received two book from our Historical Society, for which I am to write book reviews. The one, by Don Texay, I've pretty well finished, and think he has done a fine job of consolidating the general, interesting information, and makes for pleasant reading. The other, "Coins Have Tales to Tell," is rather elementary, which was the author's purpose, but feel that it could have embraced more historical coins, rather than repeating much in the American series, which is already known. However, trying to read it objectively, it is interesting to those whose knowledge may be limited to what may be derived from the Red Book, etc.

I'm also preparing to discuss the matter of displaying obsolete notes, etc., including vignettes, as a background of the high art of engraving, which has been overlooked largely by the historical societies and museums, believing that some emphasis could be placed on this "lost art."

Here are a few recently acquired items; don't know if any appeal to you or not, but you can look them over. I'm also working on an article pertaining to altered notes, having gotten several, altered in different states, from the \$1.00 Central Bank of Tennessee.

So, I trust all is well with you, and it was nice to see you again, and to meet a number of fellows with whom I've corresponded for a long time without having met them. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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September 17, 1966.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and the returned notes; here are some others you may want to check out. I am certain the Numismatist will not "throw out" your studies re Hopkinson. Any work you do is certain to be of the most exacting and accurate result of your research, as you know only too well. I'm still wading through Taxay's new book, and it is interesting, but at times a bit repetitious and drawn out, but am certain it was necessary in the continuity of the story of the Mint.

I had hoped my General Gordon article would be in the current issue of our SPMC magazine, but suppose it will be included in the forthcoming issue. I've been doing some work on altered obsoletes, having acquired a few interesting specimens recently. I was very fortunate that a friend had some Civil War covers, showing the buildings used by the Union and the Cooper Shop Volunteer Saloons, which operated in Phila., from 1861-65, and as soon as I get photos made of them, I'll be able to submit the article built around a soldier's letter home to his sweetheart in Burlington, N.J! So it goes. I'm also working up an article on the history on the Centre Bridge, N.J., and found letters written by Washington to a John Coryell (spelled slightly different from the signature on the scrip) to get men to haul boats up the Delaware River, etc., when a ferry operated where the bridge now stands.

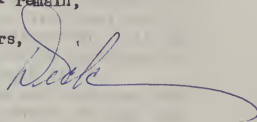
Autumn is creeping in "on little cat's paws," as expressed by Sandburg; sugar maples are showing brilliantly hued branches here and there, tokening the recurrence of what will be a blaze of color within three weeks, deer are all about (too many, in fact), a neighbor told of seeing a she-bear with three cubs night before last, down near the trout stream (fishing for dinner, I suppose), and soon the hunters will be taking to the nearby hills for quail, grouse, squirrels, and rabbits! The last two nights temperatures have dipped into the middle 20's, and I've been installing a few storm sash each day in

anticipation of the cold weather to come. Are you planning to go to Washington on October 12-23? I hope to be able to drive down for that week-end, to see some friends, and try and get some new items for stock.

Oh yes, I acquired another engraved vignette last week, which now gives me a hoard of four! I did get some of the lightographed variety too, and in two instances I have exact duplicates of both engraved and lithographed, along with an actual note, which will make up some kind of study in the future.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

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September 22, 1966.

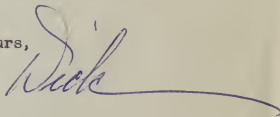
Dear Eric:

I trust all is well with you, and Betty, my amanuensis for the Penna. note listing, has red-pencilled some questions she would like answered, so that my list will be more complete. As soon as I get this data, I'll have my list pretty well finished, and can then send it on to Mrs. Osmun for possible additional descriptions. I received the Indiana list earlier this week, have checked it out, and also sent it on to her, and our Texas researcher wrote Monday that he hopes to send up the Texas manuscript in two weeks or less, which is all good news. I'm fed up with much of the delays and obstacles I've had to surmount in recent months, and am getting anxious to see some concrete results, which will stimulate everyone to keep working, etc.!

I trust you will find time to reply to this, as I'm shooting to get my list finished and re-typed before the end of the year, so it too will be off my mind and I can get working on other things, of which I have several under way. Do you have the set of three notes of the Derby Fishing Co., 1814? I got a set, but didn't know if it was of interest to you or not.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rich", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Penna items of Eric P. Newman
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- > 807 Written date not engraved
- > 589 Polar Bear not white bear
- > 216 Date is written not engraved
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Train of cars centered above. Hand with hammer below.
Profile of countries left + right.
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Pattern of frog Center. Medallions left + right. Train below
Medallions on each end
- ✓ Bank of Gettysburg \$20 " " " "
three angels + portrait. Head on left + right ends
- Stephen Guard Upper right Eagle on shield. \$5
Upper left Ship (S) (V) "Stephen Guard" on left end.
- Stephen Guard, Banker \$5, Center ship.
Eagles right + left of center. Portraits on left +
right ends Chas Toppin + Co Phila
- Guard Bank, Three sail ships + steamboat center
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Reading Pa 5¢ 10¢ June 1, 1862 - let -
25¢ 50¢

more to
come

November 18, 1966

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

For some crazy reason I mislaid your September 17, 1966 letter. I did, however, submit the banknotes to others and nobody seemed to need these. They are returned.

The group of articles which you have in process are most interesting and I am looking forward to reading them.

I am going to give a talk in Pittsburgh this weekend but will not be over near your part of the state.

You make me dream of the wild whenever you tell me the stories about bear and deer, etc. Over Thanksgiving my wife and I will try to see some beaver, in Missouri, which are slowly coming back after being almost exterminated.

I wanted to ask you what you mean by John Coryell having a different signature on the scrip than in the letter from Washington. This name, Coryell, relates to Lambertville, New Jersey, in the back of my mind. I would be most interested in having a description of the scrip so that I can restudy it, as I presume you have worked up considerable information on the subject.

Is Center Bridge, New Jersey, the same as New Hope Bridge?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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November 21, 1966.

Dear Eric:

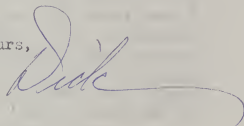
Thank you for your letter, and glad to know you are spreading the gospel with your talks and research. I had hoped to get to Pittsburgh too, but other matters kept me home attending to my work. I've been devoting many hours to our SPMC project, working in the evenings to keep up with my correspondence too, which is most important, for it is my livelihood and we must eat on occasion! But, our Florida list is in the works, and the Oklahoma list will be published as a magazine supplement in the forthcoming issue. I have three other ms. here, which I've edited, have passed on to others for possible additions, and am hoping they too will be following close upon the heels of Florida. The reports from various researchers is very encouraging, and it is hard to keep in mind these fellows are doing it after regular working hours in most instances, and I just cannot push them too hard! Of course, after many months work, I'm getting somewhat itchy to see some results!

The Centre Bridge is located about three miles above the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge, spanning the Delaware. John Coryell signed his name as shown, while his descendant signed it Coryelle. I have some data on the bridge background, which I plan to type up finally for a brief article. The scrip came in 5¢ and 10¢ denominations, although I know of only on 10¢ note. I have one spare note. I do not recall having sent you one a few years ago, although I may have done so, and am enclosing a specimen too. As I've been too busy to do much photography at this time, I have been getting fine work done by a friend in Va., who has offered to photograph all notes for the SPMC just for the cost of the materials. He does fine work, and certainly will acknowledge his assistance in

those state lists where he has helped. George Witt had the Florida notes photographed by a college student, who lives near George, but charges \$1.00 for each negative and print, if I am correct. As we had 70 Florida notes so done, it does add up, and in some of the larger lists, such as my Penna. list, it would cost considerable were it not for the charitable aid so offered.

Here are some choice items you might like to look over. Bear season opened this morning, but didn't go out. I may tomorrow if the weather remains mild, although it was down to 14 early this A.M.! Betty and I walked up the hill last eve and in the fields cleared in the woods, counted 14 deer. A friend got a wild turkey during small game season, so he's all fixed for Thanksgiving. I do hope you and your loved ones will have a wonderful day together. We will spend the day with Dick, Jr., and his small family. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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February eighth

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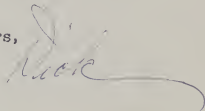
Dear Eric:

Holy Smokes! I sent you four notes on Nov. 21st, and still no reply from you! I know you are busy, for I see your photo in almost every numismatic publication week after week, but I have requests for nice notes, and if you don't wish to keep those I sent, I certainly would like to get them back again. I acquired some other nice Florida notes, and got two more tie-ins with vignettes and notes, which gives me a hoard of seven! It's a slow process at best, but quite a challenge.

I received the manuscript from our Minnesota researcher last week, together with the photos, and he did a fine job. A letter also from our Nebraska fellow, who reports that he hopes to have his list finished by the end of this month. Our Florida list is at the printer, and Harley did a grand bit of work, and along with 70 illustrations, it should be well worth while.

I do hope all is well with you, and let me hear from you, please, on the notes. With kindest regards, remain,

Cordially yours,



February 14, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I have been so busy, numismatically, it is unbelievable.

Your letter of November 21 was lost in my pile of mail and I return the items herewith as it turned out that I had them all. The Bank of the United States is a counterfeit but perhaps Matt Rothert would be interested as he is a specialist in Bank of the United States notes.

You stated that you received the manuscript from your Minnesota researcher and that he did a fine job. I feel that I should tell you that no one in the project has even contacted me, other than Harley Freemant and yourself, so I wonder if major collections have really been checked. For example, in Minnesota, I have a substantial collection.

Being on the Assay Commission was a lot of fun and we found a substantially underweight coin but decided we would not condemn all the billions in coinage on account of it. Since it was made out of clad material we did not think the weight was too essential.

There is already in the mail to you the book that I have been slaving on for the last couple of years and I hope you will feel free to comment with respect to improving it.

I was able to acquire Fred Marckhoff's paper money collection so, you see, my devotion to paper money is unabated.

Keep up the good work in connection with the revision of the Wismer list but be a tough task master if the work is not done satisfactorily. Some of your appointees may not want to do a good job and this will do a great deal of harm if their work is published in a fashion similar to "North American Currency".

Please excuse my delay but remember that numismatics is just my hobby and I am thoroughly involved in the business world.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

February sixteenth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and the returned notes. Under separate cover I am sending you the Minnesota manuscript, as well as the photos, which we will later go through to determine just how many we can use, for printing costs are a major factor in this determination! As you well know!

You lucky rascal! I've had a dozen or more fellows writing continually in recent months, asking what has happened to Fred Merckhoff's collection. My only gripe is that Kenneth wouldn't send along the data, notes, etc., which were actually part and parcel of our SPMC project, as Fred had the Nebraska list completed. So, we had to start from scratch there, as in other areas, to write up completely new lists with new researchers, etc., so all that Fred had was actually of no use to us in any way, but we are doing the best we can under the circumstances, which necessitated countless delays along the way. The first volume, which would have been Nebraska, could have been dedicated to Fred, but dear Kenneth just refused to cooperate in any way!

You handled the reference works very well I thought in your new book. In our own project I've endeavored to stress in no uncertain terms that anyone who assists in any small way should be duly recognized. The oversight on D.C. Wismer's part many years ago in gathering data and neglecting to acknowledge help he received, resulted in some hardships even today in trying to see collections in museums, etc.

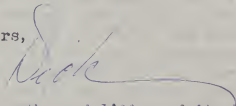
So, when you have gone over the Minnesota list, you might let me know whether you will send it back to me or forward it direct to Harley, for, as you stated, we want these lists to be just as complete as is possible. You have no idea as to the crazy arguments we receive for some collectors refusal to show notes, etc., to our researchers.

Their big false argument is that IF such very rare, or unique notes are unlisted, then their notes will be worth more. It's like the old proverb of hiding one's light under a bushel! Ignorance is bliss, so they say. They overlook the fact that the publicity all notes will receive when listed with rarity, etc., all notes will surely appreciate in value, just as we know has happened in the colonial note series. The more information given to the collectors, the more interest is generated thereby. Rare notes, if listed, indicate their existence at least for the record, and when any turn up on the market, will surely command higher prices. Not many of us will ever get a Mass. note of the 1690 emissions, but your having listed and illustrated them is proof of their existence and their great rarity.

I continue to forget you are a working man; every numismatic publication shows you to be somewhere speaking and doing your missionary work, which is all to the good.

Trusting all is well with you, and that you will receive the manuscript within a day or two, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Rock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

P.S. The Nebraska list should be along by the end of the month, and I'll send it along for your possible additions.

RICHARD T. HODGE
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

February seventeenth

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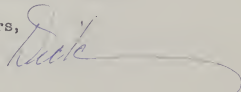
Dearv Eric:

After I wrote to you and sent off the manuscript for the Minnesota notes, I received this in a letter from a correspondent. As the California items are quite scarce, I thought this may be of interest to you.

I also forgot to inquire about the possibility of acquiring some duplicate notes from you from Fred's collection, of which I am sure you must have quite a number. So, keep me in mind, as I'm continually seeking new material for stock. I did get, and am working on, the collection of uncut sheets, but I don't suppose any of this type of material is of interest to you.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



February 21, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

With respect to the Marckhoff collection, I am going to take the items that I do not have and sell the balance in bulk. The bulk sale will be for the price which I paid for the items remaining as the entire collection was appraised piece by piece. In that way I can avoid any profit motive.

However, I do collect sheets and if you have a large collection of sheets I would appreciate a list. There was a tremendous quantity of sheets auctioned off, in New York, and I wish I would have known about it. If I could get some sheets from you in exchange for other items or sheets in the Marckhoff collection, I would be very pleased.

I did obtain, from the Marckhoff collection, nine corrugated boxes full of pamphlets, articles, books, and what-have-you. They are in my sister's attic, in Chicago. I don't know whether they contain his Nebraska lists or not. I have never seen them. I merely told Kenneth Marckhoff to pack all of Fred's numismatic material into boxes and that I would have them picked up. If you want to wait a little while to see if he has the Nebraska material in those boxes, then do that.

I think it is outrageous that some collectors are hoping their notes won't be listed. When numismatics ceases to be a hobby, then it has lost its primary enjoyment. In the case of many so-called collectors, this is true.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

February 21, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your very nice remarks concerning The Early Paper Money of America. It was a work out the like of which I have never had but I enjoyed it tremendously. My copy to you was strictly a gift in recognition of your work in the past in the field and your assistance. Your check is therefore returned herewith. You may buy as many others as you want to through ordinary numismatic channels. I certainly hope the book sells well because Whitman went all out to produce something worthwhile and spent a small fortune in doing it.

Naturally, pricing will be subject to opinions and adjustments from time to time but that was the one part I stayed out of.

The use of Xerox for many of the notes enabled me to reproduce in full size without the complications of enlargement, etc. Just as you say, the Xerox brought out certain details and eliminated things which photography would pick up. The cost would have been phenomenal if I would have had to photograph all of the notes because there were many Xerox pieces which I did not use because I found better examples of a specific issue.

More later.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

February 27, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am trying to get you by phone but if I don't I am writing this letter.

A package came from you containing a pair of size 9-D Cordovan brown loafers with a tear in the piping at the back of the right shoe. This looks like a mistake. Did some labels get mixed up?

I am returning the \$50 San Francisco item as this item I acquired as part of the Marekhoff collection.

Please let me know, immediately, about the shoes.

Sincerely,

EPN/stb



EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE. MAIL: P. O. BOX 14020, ST. LOUIS, MO. 63178

ERIC P. NEWMAN
VICE PRESIDENT
AND
SECRETARY

February 27, 1967

Claims Department, Dead Letter Section
Post Office
St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

On Friday, February 24, 1967, I received a package addressed to Eric P. Newman, Edison Brothers Stores, P.O.Box 14020, St. Louis, Missouri, 63178, from Richard T. Hooper, P.O.Box 196, Newfoundland, Pa., 18445, to which was affixed 75¢ in postage, cancelled in Newfoundland, Pennsylvania.

The package was received with the wrapper torn and open and the package was sealed with baling wire apparently furnished by the Post Office. Inside the wrapper was a box containing a new pair of defective Winthrop men's shoes, size 9-D. The shoe box contained a retailer's sticker marked "Russell & Holmes - I-4-67 - 409-I-500 - \$17.00". International Shoe Company, in St. Louis, who makes Winthrop shoes, advises me that Russell & Holmes is a retailer at 4722 No. Southside Plaza, Richmond, Virginia. The shoes were apparently being returned by Russell & Holmes to the factory because of a damaged counter on one shoe.

I telephoned Mr. Hooper and he advised me that he had mailed to me some photographs of old bank notes and a descriptive list of bank notes of Minnesota.

What apparently happened was that the package addressed to me and the shoe package must have broken open somewhere and the contents spilled out. The contents of my package is lost somewhere or mis-sent and the shoes sent by Russell & Holmes were sent to me.

Would you please investigate and see if you could find the contents of my package and I will be glad to return the shoes to the proper party.

CC;
Mr. Richard Hooper
Russell & Holmes
International Shoe Co.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ST. LOUIS 35, MISSOURI

1. 54-54-104-104-254-254 Carversville, Pa. Scrip - \$50.00.	2-3-5-5 Dixon Hotel, Ill. \$100.00.
2. 104-204-254-504-41-42 (B. Spangler) Marietta, Pa. 50.00.	1-1-2-3 Tallahassee RR. Fla. 60.00.
3. 3-3 Bank of Augusta, Ga. Peter Maverick, N.Y. 15.00.	5-19-10-20 Bank of Augusta, Ga. 35.00.
4. 3-10-20-50 Union Bank of New London, Conn. 55.00.	10-20-50-100 " " Ga. 60.00.
5. 1-1-2-3 bank of Windsor, Vt. \$20.00.	1-2-5-5 Bank of Whitfield, Ga. 50.00.
5-5- 5-10 Merchants & Mech. Bank, Michigan. - \$45.00.	1-1-1-2 Merch. & Plant. Bk., Ga. 50.00.
7. 1-1-2-3 Shetucket Bank, Conn. - \$25.00.	1-2-3-5 Int. Imp. Office, Ill. 90.00.
8. 6-7-8-9 People's Bank, N.J. - 100.00.	5-5-10-10 State Bank of Ill. 80.00.
9. 1-2-3-5 Western Exchange Co., Nebr. 100.00.	10-10-20-50 " " Ill. 85.00.
10. 10-10-10-20 Eastern Bank of Ala. 45.00.	5-5-5-5 Farmers Bank of Ky. 40.00.
11. 1-1-2-3 Stonington Bank, Conn. \$25.00.	10-10-10-10 " " Ky. 45.00.
12. 5-5-10-20 Stonington Bank, Conn. 35.00.	20-20-50-20 " " Ky. 50.00.
13. 5-5-5-10 Stonington Bank, Conn. 35.00.	10-10-10-20 N.O. Canal & Bkg. La. 20.00.
14. 5-5-5-10 Frankfort Bank, Ky. 30.00.	50-50-100-100 " " La. 35.00.
15. 1-1-2-3 Real Estate Banking Co., Ala. 75.00.	1-1-2-3 Citizens Bank of La. 13.50.
16. 1-1-2-3 Bank of Jacksonville, Fla. 50.00.	10-10-10-10 " " (DIX) 90.00.
17. 5-5-5-5 Citizens Bank of La. 15.00.	20-20-20-20 " " " 18.50.
18. 100-100-100-1000 " " " 23.00.	5-5-5-5 " " " 17.50.
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21. 1-2-3-5 Searsport Bank, Maine. 50.00.	5-5-10-10 Hagerstown Bank, Md. 25.00.
22. 1-1-2-3 Adrian Ins. Co. Mich. 40.00.	5-5-5-10 Bank of Macomb Co., Mich. 75.00.
23. 1-1-2-3 Bank of Washtenaw, Mich. 75.00.	5-5-5-5 Peninsular Bank, Mich. 50.00.
24. 1-2-3-5 State Bank, Mich. 35.00.	1-1-3-5 Tecumseh Bank, Mich. 35.00.
25. 1-2-3-5 Bank of Florence, Nebr. 50.00.	1-1-3-5 City of Omaha, Nebr. 65.00.
26. 1-1-1-1 State Bank, N. Brunswick, N.J. 35.00.	3-5-10-20 Bank of New Eng. Conn. 16.00.
27. 10-10-20-50 1-1-2-3 Union Co. Bank, N.J. 37.50.	5-5-5-10 Wayne Co. Bank, N.Y. 70.00.
28. 3-4-5-10 Bank of Washington, N. Car. 100.00.	5-5-5-5 McKean Co. Bank, Penna. 50.00.
29. 1-1-2-3 Franklin Silk Co., Ohio. 20.00.	5-5-5-10 Franklin Silk Co., Ohio. 20.00.
30. 1-2-3-5 Cincinnati, Ohio, Post Notes. 40.00.	1-1-2-3 Office of S.Car. R.R. Co. 60.00.
31. 20-20-20-20 Canal Bank, La. 12.50.	1-3-5-10 Windham Co. Bank, Vermont. 100.00.
32. 10-10-10-10 Citizens Bank of La. 12.50.	1-1-2-5 " " " Vt. 100.00.
33. 1-1-1-2 Bank of the Valley in Va. 35.00.	3-4-6-7 Bank of Bennington, Vt. 150.00.
34. 5-10-10-20 Bank of Bennington, Vt. 75.00.	5-5-5-10 Bank of Windsor, Vt. 25.00.
35. 1-1-2-3 Bank of Wisconsin. 75.00.	500-1000 Canal Bank, La. 25.00.
36. 1-3 Bank of Michigan. 22.00.	1-2 Farmington Bank, N. Hamp. 17.50.
37. 5-10 Strafford Bank, N. Hamp. 50.00.	50-100 City Trust & Bkg. Co., N.Y. 50.00.
38. 50-100 Bank of Bennington, Vt. 75.00.	1-1-1 Hungarian Fund, N.Y. 18.00.
39. 1-2-3-5 Bank of Watertown, Wisc. 90.00.	2-3 Summit Bank, Wisc. 20.00.
40. 1-1-2-5 Bank of New Eng., Conn. 12.50.	1-1-2-3 New Eng. Commercial Bank, R.I. 20.00.
41. 3-5-10-20 " " " 16.00.	

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

March first
1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Yesterday I received the re-shipped package from Rockholt in St. Paul. Fortunately, I had laid on top of the manuscript, a Xerox copy of Rocky's letter, which he had sent, and so it was returned to him, and then sent again to me. Sooo! I'm sending it along to you under separate cover, and I hope you get something better than a pair of loafers this time! So, I would appreciate your sending to me a list of any additions you may be able to make to his list, and I will then forward it to others on the committee.

If perchance you come across any material in any state lists, which you think might be helpful, from Fred's effects, and would care to send them, such would be appreciated, and I'll return them upon completion of getting such data as we can use.

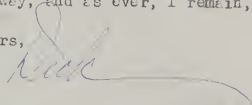
One fellow wrote again recently that he had sent notes to Fred prior to his death, and was never able to get Kenneth to return them. I wrote about umpteen times myself and finally after seven months, was successful in getting the notes I had sent returned to me! I'm also enclosing a partial list of the sheets I have, and for which you asked. I'll be pleased to send any for your inspection, and if you have any nice duplicate notes to trade, that too would be entirely satisfactory.

As Fred had prepared the original manuscript of Nebraska notes, and I will be getting that manuscript from our researcher out there very soon, I'll be glad to send it along if you think it worth while for possible additions to this list also. I got a list of a number of new notes, which are in the Lancaster County Historical

Society, for my own Penna. list, which continues to grow like Topsy!

So, I'll get the new package off to you right away, and as ever, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

RICHARD T. HCOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

March second

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Dear Eric:

I failed to include the list of uncut sheets in my letter mailed this morning, so will get it off right away. I've sent some out on approval, and if any are returned I'll surely advise you.

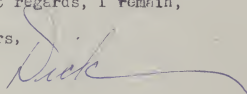
I sold a similar sheet of the Carversville, Pa. scrip to Paul Seitz last year, who specializes in the Penna. notes, for the listed price of \$50.00, and it is a scarce one. The town is located a few miles from New Hope, Penna.

I would be pleased to work out something on a partial trade, if feasible to your thoughts, in acquiring the duplicates from Fred's collection. Of course, I don't have any idea as to the extent of his collection, but I did sell a number of notes to him over several years' time.

I also had a letter from Harley this morning stating he too had received a copy of your book, and mentioned noting a number of his notes in the illustrations. I also acquired a 5 shilling note of the 1783 New York emission recently, but I recall you had a similar specimen some time ago. If interested, I'll send it on for your inspection.

Trusting all is well in St. Louis, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



MEMORANDUM

March 8, 1967

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

On the list of sheets you sent me, I might suggest that you put a couple of them in a tube and mail them to me, namely:

Shetucket Bank, Connecticut

New England Commercial Bank, Rhode Island.

The Nebraska manuscript may be in my sister's attic, in Chicago. I'll check as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 8, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I have gone over the R.H.Rockholt manuscript which finally arrived, but I still have the shoes. I appreciate the work which went into this undertaking and it is a pleasure to make suggestions and additions as you requested.

There is the problem of numbering which I believe is pointless. Herley Freeman objects to it also. It should be dropped if you and Rockholt agree.

There ought to be a signal as to which notes were in prior lists so it could be evident how much additional work went into this list.

There should be a numismatic bibliography on prior writings, including Marchhoff, Hodge, Gwyne and Day and other bank note lists, as Wismer missed some.

I think one photo per issue is adequate or the book will be too expensive.

Quantities of suggestions have been inserted in red in the manuscript and I hope they will be taken in the spirit of helpfulness.

As you will notice, we have added nine notes not listed and can furnish descriptions of fifteen listed notes which the author was not able to describe.

I believe it is wrong to have the matter published in two places, (1) in the Paper Money Magazine and (2) by the author. It should be published as one unit. If the author's expenses are subsidized temporarily by the Society then the proceeds of the sale should come back to the Society so far as possible to pay the expenses.

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March 8, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper

If Rockholt wishes to use our name as a helper, please use the organization and not me as an individual.

As soon as Florida, Minnesota and a few others are out, then any hesitant researchers will go to work.

God bless your project.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CC: Mr. R. H. Rockholt
1489 Gayridge Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

P.S. The manuscript and photographs are being returned either herewith or under separate cover.

Jan 27, 1957
SHELLY ANN ST
25 PALM BLVD

Hi Jack -

At last it's finished! - Enclosed is
the manuscript for the main listing plus
photo's of notes. I am writing the
the Bill on the photo's & when it comes
I'll send it on to you. Hope
meets with your approval.

I plan to try to have this information
reproduced in booklet form like you did on
Colonial Notes so I want to retain ownership
of the copyrights and the money & paper
money collectors is hereby granted ^{permission} ~~the right~~
to reproduce this information in the quarterly
booklet.

Please let me know what you think
of the listing.

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

March ninth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and under separate cover I am sending the two sheets requested, as priced on the back of each. If you desire any others, I'll be glad to send them.

Your comments on the project are pregnant! The Board decided last year to have a numbering system, and I'm remaining strictly neutral in the matter, for there are several valid reasons for both points of view. I have written to George Wait this morning also, mentioning your comments, and of course, Harley was for having no numbering system too. In my own case, I am including Wismer numbers, as a courtesy to his memory, and this has been agreed to by his daughter.

We do want all biographical background included, and can only hope that each researcher does so. Checking this out is something of a problem unless each individual is conscientious in acknowledging sources of his data. Just as we want the assistance of any person acknowledged in the finished product. Wismer created some ill-will on this score years ago in this small detail.

I agree that one photo per issue, where available, will suffice for our needs, and I, for one, do appreciate the comments you mention having made in margins, and will check these out and pass it along to the Board for final decisions. Rocky only wants to retain title to his work, for possible future work- I don't know what he has in mind, but I know damn well we won't publish it unless we get our money out of it as possible for our expenditures. This has already been understood by everyone. I have told Rocky we aren't doing this for his individual benefit, but are working on the project together in a spirit of friendliness and helpfulness to the collecting fraternity as a whole!

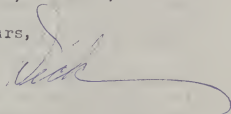
I'm glad you are sending Rocky a copy of the latter, for it will be self-

explanatory and emphasize our position. Those of us who have put hundreds of hours into this "labor of love," and are doing all we can to further the project by educating collectors, etc., must have the cooperation of all who are working so diligently and with such good spirit of cooperation. The only salvation and hope for the future of the work is that it will bring into proper focus, the importance for future generations of collectors, just as you have done with your most excellent colonial paper money book! Nothing more can be done in that area, except to revise values in the future. It will stand with Crosby as a superb reference for ages to come!

I will soon be receiving other manuscripts, and IF possible, check through Fred's papers, etc., for possible additional descriptions, etc., and I'll send along to you any such lists as you wish as they come in and + check them out.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dick', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 31, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

We are beginning to appreciate some of the problems you are having with the paper money project and thought we better write you.

First, we got involved with Douglas Ball, who asked our opinion as to the merit of a certain paper money project. We gave him our opinion and he replied by telling us how wrong we were. He told us he was going to acquire Affleck's collection but we found that Affleck was not aware of that fact.

Second, we corrected the Rockholt manuscript and wonder whether the corrections ever got back to him as we never heard from him. I did not as yet give him a description of the notes he needed because I have not gone to the vault for the purpose. I am surprised he didn't even ask for them, much less thank, but perhaps you still have his manuscript.

Third, we are in correspondence with Harry G. Wigington, who says he is a customer of yours and wants to make a detailed list only of notes printed by the American Bank Note Company from every State and omit everything else. He has apparently done limited preliminary work and wants us to determine and describe certain material done by ABNC. Of course, we feel that a separate listing of ABNC material is ridiculous. Can't this man work on a specific State for you instead? What he wants to do can be picked out of the Wismer revision descriptions.

We are wondering whether, in the listing of the Wismer project, if any one is going to indicate whether counterfeits exist of certain bank notes. This is particularly important, in our opinion. It is available in the detectors as well as the collections. It would be a tragedy to omit. Do they feel this will hurt values?

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March 31, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper

We certainly can understand what you say about running into jealousies, squabbles and endeavors of some people to keep the notes they own concealed, etc. The astounding thing to us is that your researchers may not have read existing material, checked the bank note reporters, or major public collections.

Your committee must be faced with many problems. We are glad to be helpful, but certainly do not want to be asked to do work which others can readily do. Who are your people for the various States now?

I have not checked through Fred Marchhoff's papers yet because they are still in Chicago in my sister's attic.

Kindest regards,

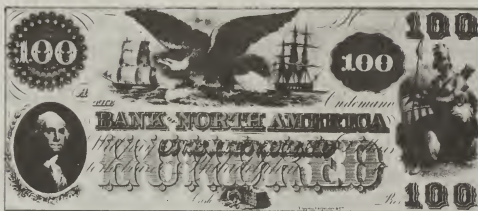
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April third
1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your welcome letter, and all I can say is that Doug Ball is somewhat eccentric in many ways. He has acquired much knowledge, especially in the CSA area, and will spend hours just relating to you the errors to be found in Criswell's catalogue on the subject. However, he is prone to exaggerate in many things, as with acquiring Charlie Affleck's collection, which statement is completely ridiculous!

Rockholt doesn't know it yet, but I've sent his ms. on to another on my committee, and as soon as several of us have checked it through as you have done so graciously, I'll return it to him, for re-writing into its final form with the necessary corrections. He had the feeling that his work was about the last word on Minnesota, and will be surprised to find many things he doesn't know! The more one works in this obscure field, the more one must realize that there is still much to be learned from so many other sources. This is the reason you haven't heard from him as yet, but I'm sure, that when he gets his ms. returned, he will want the additional descriptions of which you made mention.

Wigington wants only ARNCo. items in his collection, and I suppose he was writing to you in the hopes of acquiring some of your duplicate material, for everyone is desirous of getting such, if possible. We still have no researcher to cover the Va. items. Affleck has been talking all along of doing it himself, and has worked up a good list of the county and town items, and he would be the logical one to do this, but I've remained in limbo on this state out of respect for Charlie. However, if he doesn't soon do something concrete, I have several fellows down there who are anxious to see that Va. is not omitted from our listings, and if necessary, we will tackle it en masse! Those short-sighted individuals cannot understand that such an omission can only be harmful for their own state list in the long run, and the motives are purely selfish. There are a number who feel that if some notes remain unlisted, they will then be able to declare that such unlisted notes are worth more. They overlook the fact that only by publishing rarities, along with all notes, interest will increase and values all along the line will also appreciate in value. Life, to many, is a "one way street."

Regarding the listing of counterfeits; I've been preparing lists from the note detectors for all states, sending them out to the researchers as they are finished. Betty is doing some of the necessary typing on this for me, for we do want counterfeits, spurious and altered notes listed where possible to so describe them. This serves as a guide to be aware of such notes from all states, and there are some who collect them as well as genuine notes, for they have interest and should be included in the entire story of the obsolete note series.

In a recent letter from George Wait, he remarked that some researchers do not believe in the efficacy of a numbering system. This detail was hashed out long ago, and the end result was that we would number everything from 1 on up. If new items are later

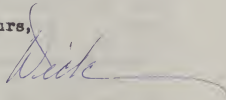
discovered, we can then merely add a letter, such as 34A, indicating that this is a new discovery! Later, as the volumes become standard reference works, the mere numbering in auction and sale catalogues can then use such numbering for convenience and brevity, just as has been done with all other US note series. Furthermore, it provides an added incentive to acquire the books from the Society, a detail which must be considered, as our funds are very limited, and we cannot publish more books until we receive a goodly return on the printing costs as set out, by the sale of the books. I'm sure this is entirely understandable to you. By the way, how are your books selling? I'm certain it is being very well received by everyone. When our Penna. Historical Society sends me several copies of the book review, I'll send one on to you. I've also reviewed it for our SPMC, which should appear in the next issue- at least I've insisted it be with Barbara, our editor.

I noted with interest your photos and conversation during the annual trial of the Pyx in Phila. Your comments re Hopkinson designing the Great Seal conflict somewhat with my records. Barton was, I think, more responsible for that work, and I've been writing up an article on the subject. Much has been written about the adoption of it and ensuing alterations to its design, but nothing has been done on those men who submitted designs, mostly based on the heraldry aspects, and as I have illustrations of all that were submitted to Congress, thought it might make an interesting article for some to read.

As you remarked about "beginning to appreciate some of the problems" we are having with our project, I guess I would have side-stepped the whole thing had I known how many were to crop up since Fred's death! However, I find that with this, as with other things in the past, those who complain, and will do so after our books are published, are the ones who have never contributed one iota to numismatics. They delight in sitting back and being critics, for only in this senseless manner can they display to their listeners their little bit of wisdom, impressing them with their vast knowledge! And, as one continues to be involved in this work, I try to do what I think is right and proper for the entire fraternity. I realize our lists will be incomplete in some states, for it will probably be impossible to list 100% of the private scrip, which, in Penna., constituted hundreds of issues. Last week, for example, I got listings of the America Bank, Trenton, N.J., different from Wismer's descriptions, in that they had no red overprints, but were of the same date, May 1, 1853, same imprint. A small group of them were apparently found in the course of demolishing an old house in Trenton. I did get the 1-2-3 of that bank, with the red overprints, however, the first I've seen. I'm also dickering with a chap now for a \$500.00 note of the Lancaster Bank, in unc., condition, which is red and black, a real beauty! Quite rare, but don't as yet know how successful I'll be. It's relatively easy to get the more common notes, but difficult to get scarcer items for re-sale, but I've gotten a few things from time to time in various local shows. I've been to York, Lebanon, and "ing of Prussia in recent weeks, and this week-end there will be one in Bethlehem, so I'll go down just for the day on Saturday.

Well, I guess that about covers your questions and comments, and I'll have to get working as my desk has been heaped with correspondence, and hope to whittle it down a bit ere the day's end. Spring is slowly approaching, but on the north side of our hill snow patches continue to remind us of the rough winter we have had. Early Palm Sunday the temperature was down to 20 below zero! Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



April 5, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I believe you had a February 8, 1788 New York Colonial piece. A dealer has written me asking me if I could locate one for a customer of his. If you still have one, would you send it to me and the price to a dealer.

If it happens to be slightly better than the piece in my collection, I am going to make the exchange, hoping that my piece will be sold through the dealer.

I hope there is no objection to this procedure.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/etb

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April seventh
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and under separate cover I am sending you the 1788 New York note. The very best I can do on this note is \$185.00, as it is X.F., and I had priced it at a retail figure of \$220.00.

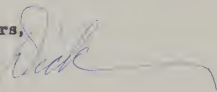
I had a letter the other day from a friend, who wants to send me a group of western notes and sheets, so I replied at once, and hope to receive them in the very near future. I'll send a list to you, if you wish, of what is contained.

Would there be any chance of acquiring the duplicates from Fred's collection, after you have gone through the notes? I know of some things that he had, which I sold him over several years' time, and as my correspondence continues to expand, I'm continually seeking new items for stock.

I trust you will receive the note promptly, within a day or two. Did you ever see a \$10.00 note of the May 4, 1773, Va. emission? I have what I think may well be a proof note of that issue, in the same design as lower denominations, but unsigned and undated in ink.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Mr. Dick Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

A quick clarification is necessary as to your comments about my comments on Hopkinson. I was not speaking of the great seal, I was speaking of the seal of the Treasury Department.

I am enclosing a recent article on the subject from Pennsylvania Heritage.

Kind regards.

April 7, 1967

EPN:mb

April 10, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

The unsigned \$10 Virginia piece is a reprint mentioned in my book under the 1777 issue.

Will you please write the man who wants to sell this South Carolina note, per the enclosed.

I will be very interested in the Western notes and sheets which you received and hope you can send me a list as soon as you get it.

I believe I previously wrote you that when I finished going through the Marckhoff collection I wanted to dispose of the collection as a whole on the same basis as the price I paid. Each piece was individually valued. I was thinking about offering it to a bank first but if you are interested you can advise me after I give you the list of priced items and the discount I received.

I look forward to the receipt of the New York item.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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April thirteenth

1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I have written to Mr. Woodruff regarding the South Carolina note of 1775. I would have replied to your letter yesterday, but we drove to the city for our grandson's first birthday, and granddaughter's second birthday, which is today! Unable to have children of their own, they adopted the two children just about a year apart.

I would be most interested in receiving the list of notes available. I trust you have received the N.Y. note by this time. I'll make up a list of the odd-denomination notes just received, in the event any of those are of interest to you. The five uncut sheets I received are the:


- 1-1-2-3 Bank of Wisconsin, Unc.
- 1-2-3-5 Bank of Florence, Nebr.
- 1-1-3-5 City of Omaha, Nebr.
- 1-1-2-5 Omaha City Bank & Land Co.
- 1-1-2-3 Bank of Jacksonville, Fla.

I'm not certain, but I think they duplicate other sheets, of which I sent you a list earlier. You are correct regarding the seal. I did see the article by Wayne Homan, which appeared in the Sunday Inquirer, of Phila., two weeks ago, and was not thinking of the Treasury Seal, to which you made reference.

I also acquired a nice L2 Va. note of the July 17, 1775, of the large, Ashby variety, but I suppose you already have this one. If interested, I'll send it on for your inspection.

I'll get this off right away, and proceed to catch up with my correspondence. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Haystack Penna.
(just south of Altoona)
pg 917 in Blaine
County

also

676

across the road from
Hollidayburg Penna.

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April twenty first

1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything with you these early spring days? I attempted some trout fishing last week-end, but I was completely without success. Then, the following day I played golf for the first this year, with similar lack of success! However, the weather was rather inclement on both occasions, so that is my excuse, and I hope to better both records soon!

I would deeply appreciate a favor from you. A very fine friend, Mr. Hamilton E. McRae, Midland Savings Building, Midland, Texas, 79701, is most anxious to purchase an autographed copy of your book, and will either remit upon receipt, or send the money in advance for it. He is perhaps the most widely recognized legal authority on gas and oil matters in the country, and is listed in Who's Who, with quite a write-up of his talents. He has been buying some colonial notes and coins from me for about two years, and quite naturally, I will guarantee payment to you. I do not like to ask favors for correspondents generally, but I make an exception in this instance, and I do hope you will favor him with such for his library.

I've had so many reports on your book, I am certain it must be selling readily all over the country. I have been telling everyone about it, and I know many copies are being distributed to my friends.

I suppose you have received the N.Y. note, and have been looking forward to receiving the list of available notes from you. I have the few western items here, holding them intact for you. Would you perchance know where Caysport is, or was, located? I have a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ scrip issued by that borough, but no indication of the state or origin. It is dated May 8, 1843, with cherub inscribing on stone in center, Franklin on left, Washington on right, in rectangles, and no imprint. If you are interested in odd-denomination notes, I acquired one of 3 mills, of which I've never heard, or seen before, quite small in size, and I'll send it on if interested.

Trusting all is well with you, and if you ever come to northeast Penna. come and stay a spell! With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Are you interested in some
scarce college notes?*

Wick

April 26, 1967

Mr. Richard T. Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

It was nice hearing from you, as always, and since we have so many "balls in the air" together, I will reply to those I can, and leave the others open.

As to EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA, it is now in its second printing, which should be completed by the end of the month. If your friend will send his check for \$15 to you, you, as a dealer, can buy it from a distributor at 40% discount. You can instruct the distributor to mail the book to me and I will autograph it and send it to your friend. You can use any distributor you want - Ben Douglas, Beebee, etc. I have nothing to do with the sale or distribution of the books.

Mrs. Barrett (the transcriber of this letter) located Gaysport, which is in Pennsylvania, just south of Altoona, in Blair County, and very near Hollidaysburg.

As to the sheets you were holding for me, I do not have the Omaha City Bank and Land Company sheet although I do have all of the notes on the sheet. If it is reasonable, perhaps I should add it to my collection.

I do have the large Virginia note engraved by Ashby.

I did receive the New York note and hope to arrange for its sale.

I do not collect College Notes, as that is not within the scope of my collecting.

As to the Marckhoff collection, I explained that the remainder must be sold as a whole and exactly at my cost. It will take quite a while for me to develop the listing and to total the cost of the remaining items. There are lovely things as well as grubby things. As I previously told you, I cannot get involved in choosing any groups or items.

We have had a wonderful Spring and the fruit trees were in full splendor. Our Lily of the Valley are so big, this Spring, that the inside of our house is perfumed.

Best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

EPH/rtb

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April twenty eighth

1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your welcome letter, and under separate cover I am sending you the uncut, unc., sheet of the Omaha City Bank & Land Co., priced at \$60.00, which, I think is quite reasonable. You mentioned in your letter that I was holding for you the other two sheets, whereas, I believe I sent them out March 9th. If you have not already received them, let me know, for the package in a tube, was insured. .

I'm quite ashamed of my lack of knowledge regarding the Gaysport scrip I mentioned to you! Please thank Mrs. Barrett for the information regarding its location in Penna. I had thought it was from one of the western states, such as Indiana, for no apparent reason. I have several correspondents always desiring Penna. scrip, etc., so this will probably be desirable to one or another of them.

Any way you care to handle the disposal of your duplicate notes is satisfactory with me, and I will await your listing upon completion. Or, send a partial list, or group of notes as you complete each state, either way is entirely satisfactory with me.

If you are interested in unc. specimens of T.8 to T.11, of the Florida Territorial notes, as well as C.42, Florida, I'll be glad to send them on for your inspection. All are rather rare, but I don't know if you have them or not.

I have sent off my review for the Penna. Historical Society, as well as our SPMC, of your book, and in a letter received today from Nicholas Wainwright, he has asked me to review Don Taxay's latest book, on Commemorative Half Dollars, so the book should arrive in a day or two. This is one method of acquiring new books at no cost!

I do hope you will receive the Nebraska sheet in good order, promptly. We had four inches of snow Monday, with another three inches Wednesday, and I fear the robins will turn right around and head back again to sunny Florida. I did see three very large

V's of Canada geese Thursday, soaring very high, heading due north, so perhaps they have some information as to the advent of milder weather ahead. We had pleasure yesterday in watching a hen ruffed grouse outside our picture window. She just stood on a large rock, completely immobile, for at least 15 minutes, then very slowly walked away under the cover of a group of hemlocks and rhododendrons. Our pet opossum has not been around lately, but the raccoons are coming out of hibernation, and I'm hoping this week-end to do some trout fishing nearby.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

May 1, 1967

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Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I received the Omaha City sheet and will check it, shortly. I have on hand the two other sheets which you sent me previously and will get to those, also.

With respect to the Florida Territorial notes, as well as C-42, I suggest that you send them to me, priced. I am supposed to receive a Territorial from someone else but I would prefer to get it from you.

It looks like the Marckhoff collection will have about 2500 different items available. I will try to work out a system to photocopy the list of items. I can then total up the prices from the appraisal and discount them the 30% which I received. I took whatever my collection did not have, from rags to choice pieces. If Marckhoff's specimen was better than mine I, naturally, improved my piece. Nothing else has been touched in the group.

It is very kind of you to send off the reviews concerning EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA, which are most appreciated. The new printing ought to be finished by now.

Evelyn and I are preparing to go to the May Festival, in Hermann, Missouri, which is a German-type celebration of Spring, with dancing in the streets, old-fashioned German costumery, and consumption of wine.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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May third
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Dear Eric:

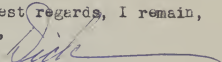
Thank you for your letter, and I'm glad you received the sheets in good order. I'm enclosing herewith the Florida Territorials, as well as a few rare obsoletes. Harley wrote that the \$20.00 Bank of St. Johns, Fla., note was one of only 30 struck, despite the fact this note is No. 39! Numbering of the notes as in sheets, may have varied from the customary method as I understand it, for example, my uncut sheet of the City of Omaha, has all four notes 1-1-2-5 numbered the same number, so that the two one's have identical numbering, of 5458.

These are all good notes, and if you just want to apply whatever you wish to keep against the possible future purchase of Fred's duplicates, that is all right with me; do just as you wish about it. I received a copy of Taxay's new book on Commemorative coins, and am now reading it preparatory to writing a review. I don't think it adds much to our knowledge of that series, although there is some information regarding the designers, correspondence between congressmen, the mint, and others, which is interesting to some readers. I purchased a few copies of your book, and as I have forwarded my autographed copy to the chap in Texas. Sometime when we meet I'll get you to autograph another for me again! I felt this would simplify matter and eliminate re-mailing on your part, etc.

I certainly trust you and Evelyn will not imbibe too much of the grape on your forthcoming visit to the German celebration. From all accounts those Fasschungs really are notorious, although probably not akin to those held in Germany! At any rate, be careful and temperate.

I trust you will receive these promptly, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



May 11, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

With respect to the Marckhoff pieces, I have the inventory approximately one-third complete and will send you a copy as soon as I complete it. In the meantime I am sending you the Omaha City Bank and Land Company sheet, the New England Commercial Bank sheet, as these are not needed in my collection. As to the other sheet I have from you, the New York Colonial, and the Florida pieces, I can offset most of these against the Marckhoff collection if you buy it.

I have been absolutely besieged by different collectors throughout the country for different portions of the Marckhoff collection but I have written each of them that the collection was to be sold in bulk. Information really gets around.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/stb

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May fifteenth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I have also received the returned sheets. Here are a few recently acquired notes you might like to check out. I've been searching through my effects for the Florida, C.142, but thus far I cannot locate it, and cannot recall having sent it out to anyone on approval.

I had a letter from James F. Windsor, of Ft. Lauderdale, who wrote to tell me that he had written to you, that I was a reputable dealer, regarding the Marchhoff duplicates. I just want you to know I certainly do not approve of this action, and would, under no circumstances, ask anyone to write on my behalf, as to any notes, to anyone. I have corresponded with him for a number of years, as he collects Kansas material, as well as Bank of the United States notes, of which I get very few, as you well know. I just wanted you to be assured that if ANYONE writes to you, using my name in any manner, I have NOT approved, nor know about it. If, perhaps, you and I work out any transaction regarding the notes, no publicity will be given from my end, unless it is in strict accordance with your wishes. I just don't know where so many fellows get information regarding your acquisition of Fred's collection, for surely, I've never mentioned anything about it to anyone. I can only imagine your state of mind and the number of letters which have bombarded you thus far.

I have a set of Limestone County, Texas, notes, if you would like to see them, I'll be glad to send them along next time. I also got a \$500.00 Bank of La. note in strictly A.F. condition, but don't know if you need it or not.

I had a letter from our Miss. researcher this morning, remarking that he hoped to be able to send me his manuscript ere the month's end, which is good news. would it be worth while to send it on for your possible checking for additions? I don't want to bother you about it. My own Penna. list got four other additional descriptions this morning in a letter containing some Xerox copies from a Pittsburgh collector, and so it goes- I cannot type it up finally, until I have exhausted every possible avenue for additions. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Dick" or "Richard T. Hooper", written over a wavy line.

May 15, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am enclosing herewith the first 33 pages of the paper money, checks, and items in the Marckhoff group so that you can study them. The balance of the pages will be sent in a few days.

I went to offer it to you, first, as I promised. The price and details will therefore be known to you and if you want to come visit us to look them over that would be great.

I am not trying to be a salesman but I have held back all the other inquiries which continue to come in for either the whole or various sections of the collection.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/etb

May 18, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Enclosed are copies of the balance of the items available in the Marckhoff collection to accompany the other sheets previously sent you.

The appraised value of these items was \$13,943.69. I received a 30% discount equivalent to \$4,183.11 so that my net cost is \$9,760.58.

According to my count there are about 2430 items in the list sent to you. Some of the appraised values were high, some were low. The finest pieces are, of course, the Utah items.

There may be a few errors in the listing, but I don't believe there is anything serious.

I am not charging you for any of the acquisition expenses, such as the trip for examination, the telephone calls, the shipment, etc. This is because I have improved some of my specimens by exchanging the same item.

Some categories I do not collect and therefore they are generally untouched. Naturally, some of the pieces are rags and others are lovely with all stages in between.

Please don't worry about Lindsay or anybody else as they are interested in acquiring some of these notes from you because I would not make any disposition of any part of them. That is for a dealer, like you, to do. In other words, this group is unpicked other than by me.

As I previously wrote you, the bills are here in St. Louis for examination. If you want to take a trip, for the purpose of acquiring them, you are welcome to stay at my house.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/stb

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May twentieth
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Dear Eric:

I received the second portion of the inventory this morning, and I'm certainly not going to quibble as to the condition of the notes or your quotation, and as I assure you, I am only too grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to acquire your duplicates.

If you wish to do so, send along what you would consider as the equivalent of \$1,000.00 cost. I had sent you some various notes and a sheet, which amounted to \$1,061.00. If you wish to return any from the last group, that is fine, and I'll deduct such. If you want to start with sheet #1, do so, or perhaps the items are in various books which you don't want to disturb. Any way at all is alright with me. Then, I'll send another amount for \$1,000.00 and so on until the total is paid. If you have any other suggestions let me know.

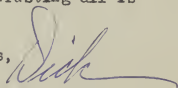
I certainly would like to come out and visit with you, but right now I'm very much involved in trying to edit three manuscripts for our SPMC project, and Betty's sister is quite ill in Phila., necessitating very frequent trips down there, as she has no one else upon whom to rely. Betty has remained with her a day or two at a time, while ⁺ have driven back and forth in an effort to keep up as well as possible with my correspondence, etc. I know you want an immediate decision on this, hence my prompt reply. If the obsolete notes and scrip are in separate books from the items as listed on the first four pages, and if ⁺ had any choice, I would prefer to receive some of the obsolete notes first, rather than such items as the Wells, Fargo notes, etc., for they will move rather slowly, and ⁺ have requests for nice notes from most states. But, ⁺ will leave that entirely up to you.

These lists will also provide me with some idea as to what you already have, and I can check them over when I send items in the future, which might be of interest to you.

I received several nice colonial notes earlier this week too; a \$15.00 Oct. 7, 1776, and a \$2.00 May 1, 1780, both of Va., and both uncirculated, and a h6 of March 25, 1776, N.J., also unc. I don't know if you have them in this condition or not, and will send them if you would like to inspect them. Oh yes, there are two N.H. notes also; the \$1.00 and \$4.00, V.F., and X.F., with hole cancellations. So, you can check yours to see if they might be needed.

Again, I am deeply indebted to you for your consideration and your confidence, and I will remain strictly mum as to all of the facts in connection with the notes. Of course, if you wish to refer anyone to me later about any of the notes, that is fine with me. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



RICHARD T. HOOBER

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May twenty seventh

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Dear Eric:

It was nice to talk with you the other evening, and I'm enclosing partial payment of \$2,500.00 on the Harckhoff notes, per your recent listing. The \$1,601.00 in notes sent to you earlier can be adjusted later, if you do not wish to keep any of the notes sent. Please consider this as my promise to pay you the balance of the \$9,760.58, in installments, just as soon as possible, with the final remittance to be made no later than December 1, 1967.

As our stocks are in joint name, Betty feels she would rather not send them as security. So, if you want to send just half of the material at this time, that is alright with me too. I checked with the local P.O. regarding sending the package by express. This is not at all satisfactory, for I'm told sometimes packages are weeks in arriving, there isn't an established depot- one must call at a house, the man gets the key, and things are picked up in a dilapidated building nearby, and one must call between 3 and 6 P.M. Just send it registered, first class, insured for the amount you send, as there is no limit on the insurance for registered mail. It will arrive quicker that way too.

Here also is the mislaid Florida C.42, so I thought you might want to inspect it. Last week I picked up the 1-2-3 of America Bank, Trenton N.J., of May 1, 1853 issue, the first I've had. If interested I'll send them along later. I also got a \$6.00 of Monticello Bank, Va., of July 1, 1861, which is a rather scarce item, and in nice condition, as well as an 80¢ Roanoke, County, Va., unc.

I cannot begin to express my feelings for your kindness in this matter. It is a real thrill to me to gain possession of the notes, some of which I had sold Fred, but not many of the scarce ones, believe me! Some I hope to be able to afford to hold for myself, especially if I can tie them in with engraved vignettes, about 50 of which I have here. A chap called last eve and wants to send me another group of about 40 engravings, so, bit by bit I hope to get a respectable collection together. I still haven't heard from my correspondent, who is apparently interested in buying the 90 or more uncut sheets from the other collection I got, so if he takes them, then I can send you a sizeable amount right away. Then, another fellow called, and wants me to go in with him to purchase a 10,000 note collection from an elderly man whom he knows. Everything happens at once. I've gone along for seeming ages, scrounging around to get notes, which is sometimes difficult when one deals solely through the mail as I do, and then so much turns up at once!

As I continue to get new notes I'll certainly send them on for your inspection, if you want to look them over. I know that a number of my correspondents will be tickled to acquire some of the notes, as I guess I have more than 50 want lists right now for nice notes. Just as soon as

I can receive some of the notes from you, I know it won't take long before I can pay a good amount off on my obligation to you. I know you are anxious to get this money to repay Ken Marckhoff, so I'll get it off this morning.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, and my repeated thanks for everything, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

June 2, 1967

Dear Dick,

Please send the
Mass. 6/18/76 \$1, \$2, with
what you want for them.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

June 2, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the \$25.00 check toward the price of the paper money, etc. on the sheets which I previously sent you. I certainly hope I am doing you a favor by selling you these items.

The \$16.01 in notes which you have offered to me for sale is an error, as I mentioned, and you indicated that it was \$10.61, which would make it a typographical error. My calculation shows it to be \$10.56, not including the Florida note for \$135.

I am returning (included in the Harckhoff material), all except the four Florida Territorials, the 1788 New York Colonial, and the sheet. We will work something out on the ones I am retaining.

I certainly appreciate you mentioning your new acquisitions to me as I am weak in some areas and strong in others.

I am sending you a portion of the Harckhoff collection, today, by Parcel Post, somewhat insured, and XMM will send the balance the first of the week.

Bowman, from Colorado; Edlow, from Washington; Bain, from Texas; Lindsay, from Florida; Oakes, in Iowa, and a fellow who works for Chandler Stationers, in Evanston, Illinois, are a few who have contacted me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/stb

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Page fifth
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Dear Eric:

I'm enclosing herewith the manuscript for the Nebraska listings. As I recall it, Fred Marckhoff stated that he had something like 158 notes, which is considerably more than our researcher, McKee, lists here, so I thought I would just send this along to you for any possible additions intact, just as I received it this morning.

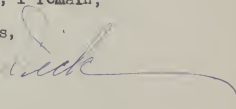
As soon as you can check it through, and return it, I will then pass it on to some others on the committee.

I also wrote to Gordon Colket, of New Jersey, mentioning your request for vignettes, and asking him to send what he has for your inspection. If he doesn't write soon, I'll try to get some action for you.

Although the first lot of notes has not as yet arrived, I guess they will be along any day now. We spent the week-end with Betty's sister, and returned about 2 P.M. in the midst of the power failure which hit the eastern part of the state, N.J., Md., etc. Of course, the big news is the war in the Middle East, and we can only hope that cool temperaments will prevail, and peace restored at once. Did you check as to the colonial notes I received and mentioned in my earlier letter? If you want any, I'll be glad to send them for your inspection.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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June sixteenth
1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

As you can imagine, I've been quite busy sending out notes the last week or two, and I guess the greatest pleasure is looking through new collections, such as this! I have found a few notes, which + can tie in with my few engraved vignettes, which adds something to my weak collection. For example, + have now about seven notes with the partly nude woman, as depicted on the \$5.00 Timber Cutters Bank, Ga., note, as well as an artist's proof, which alone make up an interesting display.

I mentioned these three notes to you earlier, but don't suppose you had time to check them out. At any rate, I know they are scarce- only several of each were discovered during the demolition of a place near Trenton. I really missed the boat on the Ruder sale, by Hamilton. I saw the catalogue the day of the sale, and the large groups of notes in each lot, and then yesterday I discovered from reports that many of the notes in various lots were proofs! I hope you were able to buy what you wanted from it. I had a lot of correspondence with Ruder over several years prior to his final illness, and it's just too bad that a stamp dealer was given the collection to sell.

I'm on the track of another collection; will let you know later how it works out. for one of our mutual N.Y. FRIENDS is angling to get it in the worst way! But, I think I have an inside track, so I'll just keep my fingers crossed meanwhile! I plan to drive down to see it again early next week.

There were a few omissions from your original listing of the notes, but it is no great amount, and unimportant. I'll be sending you some money on account within the week, which + trust will meet with your approval. The few proof notes, which were in the collection, I'm going to try and retain for myself- they turn up so seldom, and the first I've had in a long time.

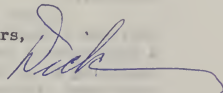
I hope you were able to make some additions to the Nebraska list, and I'm

now awaiting shipment of the Miss. and Wisc. manuscripts. The printer has held us up with Freeman's Florida book, and latest reports now are that it will be released by the end of this month. The bookbinder was the latest to cause delays.

Trusting all is well with you, and did you also check out the other colonial notes + mentioned to you earlier?

With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

June 28, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am glad that you received the notes in the Marckhoff collection and if there are any discrepancies please let me know what they are so that I can check them. I did not expect to be able to strip out of inventory that many notes without making some mistakes.

As you know, I still have the four Florida Territorial notes which you have priced at \$150 each. I certainly want you to make money on a sale to me but if I take all four of them would it be possible for you to bring the price somewhat in line to my thinking?

I am returning the 1788 New York note which was the one in my collection. You will recall you sent me one which I have on hand and was wondering if this exchange could be worked into the transaction.

I have not had time to work on the Nebraska list as yet as I am overwhelmed with numismatic work.

I will take the \$2 America Bank which I need and am returning the other two herewith.

As far as the Ruder sale was concerned, all the lots went very high and there were not that many proofs in the group. I only got one lot although I bid substantially on about 15 lots. The lots were all valued very low in order, possibly, to draw everyone to the auction as if they were going to go for bargain prices. When items consistently bring ten times as much as the estimate one begins to wonder.

As far as the additional collection which you are working on is concerned, I will await your suggestions and hope that it can be worked out. I can call you up and talk out any problems if you wish.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

EPH/sftb

Keep for yellow

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June twenty eighth

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Dear Eric:

Inclosed please find payment on account of my indebtedness to you. I've certainly had a grand time going through so many interesting notes, many of which I've never seen before. I'm going to try and retain a few of the really scarcer notes, although sometimes it is difficult. The line between collector and dealer is difficult to maintain, becoming quite obscure at times!

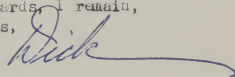
I've just finished another article, and hope to get it off soon now, and I'm hoping that I will be able to get to Miami in August for the convention. Do you have any prospects of attending? I jinxed out on the Hamilton Auction Sale on the 14th. I didn't know about it until the day it took place, and consequently couldn't make arrangements to drive over.

I hope you have had time to go over the Nebraska list which I sent you recently. I had letters from a couple of our researchers stating that they hoped to visit you and gather some additional data for their lists, so I suppose you will be busy. Did you receive the three America Bank, New Jersey, notes I sent you last week?

From all appearances, as noted in the new SPMC magazine, there is increasing interest in the old paper series, and by next week our Florida book should be out, and I'll be doing a few book reviews on it, which also should help publicize the cause.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Mr. Richard T. Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Date: July 3, 1967

Dear Dick:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very gracious review of my recent book. I see that you really poured over it. Please feel free to make any suggestions for its improvement because in due course a revision will be desirable.

I don't plan to go to Miami in August as I will be in Europe, where I am to give a paper before the International Numismatic Congress in Copenhagen.

I can't go over the Nebraska matter for a while as I have too many other items ahead of it. Please excuse that.

My kindest regards.

July 18, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Re: Nebraska article

As I told you in the past, I am delighted to be helpful to the Paper Money project, but I must, sincerely, state that it is wrong for me to be asked to go over work which has not been proof read, work which is only partially organized, etc.

The Nebraska manuscript submitted does not give any introduction explaining the bibliography, does not give any historical preliminary concerning each bank, etc. I think Harley's format should be the standard which should be used by all others.

I still think, as Harley does, that continually numbering the notes from 1, is ridiculous, as every time a new one is added it changes every number in the listing.

I am returning the Nebraska article with my comments, in red, and hope that they are of help. I certainly do not want to have to go over other manuscripts in this shape as I have to divide my spare time, numismatically, in a number of different pursuits.

I am sure you will understand the logic of the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,

for
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

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July eighteenth
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Dear Eric:

I'm enclosing herewith a copy of the book review, which is in the current issue of our Penna. Historical Society, which they sent me last week, so I thought you might like to have it among your memoirs!

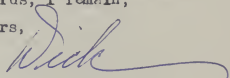
Next week I'm to visit the elderly gentleman who has the collection of which I mentioned earlier, so I'll have to wait and see what transpires.

If possible, could you check out the Nebraska manuscript I sent you for possible additions prior to your departure abroad? I'm hoping to get the Minn., Neb., and Indiana lists completed just as soon as possible so that we can be sure of having subsequent books printed as fast as our resources will permit. I've had numerous very favorable comments on Harley's Florida book, which is encouraging, and I hope we can sell enough copies to pay our way as we proceed. I also had a letter from Harley, whom I hope to meet in Miami also in August, and I'm sorry you won't be down, but I realize that your address in Denmark will surely be a truly wonderful addition to your prestige in recognition of your research and writings. The very best of success and I do hope you will have a very happy trip and vacation.

I hope to get another check off to you ere the month's end on account. My own Penna. listing is about completed, and I hope to then have some others check it for additions too, but I won't bother you with this until after your return from Europe.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



July 25, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I finally was able to go to Chicago to see the pile of books and magazines turned over to me and they do not contain any articles ready for publication (Re: Marckhoff Estate).

I telephoned the attorney for the estate and he promised that he would go to the house and look through the correspondence and work papers to try to find some of these writings. He agreed that they were to be turned over to me if they could be located. I sincerely hope they can be found.

Thank you, very much, for sending me the review which appeared in the Pennsylvania Historical Society publication.

I am glad the paper money publication project is off to a good start with Harley's book and since I have gone over both Minnesota and Nebraska, I feel I have done my part so far.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

CC: W. Raymond Wolff, Attorney

*Kenyon fund
Estate file*

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Sincerely,

CC: M. Raymond Wolff, Attorney

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185⁰⁰ - send mine

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September 6, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I received a letter from R.H. Rockholt, with respect to the Minnesota manuscript, asking me for a description of the notes which were unknown to him. I certainly hope he will follow Harley's pattern with respect to citation of previous detail and general text matters. I will, of course, be glad to cooperate with him.

I just came back from my vacation, and my wife and I had a wonderful drive through the Iron Curtain countries. We ended up in Copenhagen, where I attended the International Numismatic Congress, and gave a little talk. So many of the top researchers of the world were there and I was overwhelmed by their abilities. I want to tell you all about it some time.

Incidentally, I hope you are still making hay out of the Marckhoff material and if you want to ship a little of the hay to me at any time please do not hesitate to do so.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/etb

RICHARD T. MOORE
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October fourth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I'm enclosing herewith another \$500.00 on account. I intended writing sooner, but was away last week-end until yesterday, and the two preceding week-ends. Next week-end I'm to make a display at Waynesboro, Penna., as a favor to Tom Warfield, who called, asking me to do it. It's all in the vein of missionary work, which I feel is most necessary to promote our paper money interests!

I'm delighted you have been tracing the whereabouts of Fred's papers anent Utah and Nebraska. I returned the Nebraska ms, which you had inspected earlier, with numerous comments of my own, and I'm hoping to finally receive an acceptable ms from the several sources. I anticipate receipt of the Indiana and Texas completed ms. sometime this month. Would you want to go over them upon receipt?

I'm in the process of assembling the many photos I'll require for my own Penna. volume. Hannah is doing a fine job for us in this area, making excellent photos for just the cost of materials. Any time you want any such work done let me know, unless, of course, you have a similar source. Would you care to edit my ms when finished? I'm having it checked out now also by another, and it is pretty complete, although I do get a new description occassionally. All of the books are using different illustrations from those used by Criswell too, for I think this will provide additional data for collectors, thus further stimulating interest.

Just as soon as I finish with the exhibit next week, which is based only on Penna. colonial, obsolete notes, scrip, some vignettes as used on Penna. notes, and material pertaining to such notables as Hopkinson and Morton, etc., I'll probably have some other notes to send for your inspection. Would you want a proof \$5 note of the

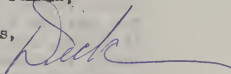
Phila. Bank, predecessor to the present Phila. National Bank? I also acquired some vignettes from Doc Blanchard's collection, as well as 65 separate items, which, with the 70 or more I had gotten last year, gives me plenty to do to try and tie in such with actual notes.

We had a fine trip to Maimi in August, with several truly stinking messes! I guess you know all about them, however. Our SPMAC had a fine banquet Friday night, during which I presented a rather detailed report on the status of our project. We could have sold 300 copies of Harley's Florida book, rather than the mere 50, which our former sec'y, managed to tote along down with him!! It was a choice time to sell many, but for one, I'm delighted to have Vernon Brown as our new secretary of the Society. Our membership is steadily increasing, which is heartening also.

Autumn is rapidly invading our area; the sugar maples are nearing their full range of beautiful colors, ferns have turned brown, the deer are rutting in the high hills, and I'm sorry trout season is over until next April, as I've had rather good success with my fishing this year. Archery hunters are now out for deer, but I'm not very sympathetic to this method. I've seen several running around from time to time with arrows sticking out from their sides, which is really neauseating to me!

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

October 10, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I was advised last night by Kenneth Marckhoff that the boxes containing Fred's papers were sent last night. As soon as I go over them I will, of course, report to you, or to whoever you wish, what the Nebraska and Utah material includes.

With respect to the Indiana and Texas manuscripts, it is entirely up to you or the writers as to whether they want me to go over them. If I can be helpful that is all that counts.

With respect to your own Pennsylvania volume, I believe I will have items to add and will, of course, be delighted to give you any help I can.

I am particularly interested in how many copies of Harley's book have been sold and would appreciate it if you would let me know.

Excuse me for writing such a short note, but I am still in the throes of World Series fever.

Keep up the wonderful work on your project.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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October twelfth

1 9 6 7

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and if you care to send on the Nebraska data direct to James L. McKee, 3425 Ocoe, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68506, please do so, as it will serve to expedite it.

The Utah material should go to Mr. Blaine Simons, Vice Pres., Tracy-Collins Bank & Trust Co., P. O. Box 90, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84110, which will also be most helpful, I am sure.

I'll write to each to then send them on to me to be checked out and edited as well as possible. I will also send along the finished ms of Indiana and Texas upon their arrival, and any additions, etc., which you may care to make, we will just keep on separate sheets, so that the whole thing will not have to be re-written, and I'll insert the data in the proper location, and then off to the printer, with, of course, due recognition to you for your assistance.

At the latest report, it appears that about 300 copies of Harley's book have been sold- we could have sold a large number IF Pennell had taken the trouble to take them along with him for the ANA Convention. We have a new secretary, Vernon Brown, who I feel is quite capable and since moving to Florida, has a bit more time on his hands. I did get Matt Morthert to tackle the Arkansas list, while in Miami, and Jim Lindsay for the Kansas listing, so the number of vacancies is diminishing. We still have no one for the California list, and I may tackle this later, unless someone turns up to do it.

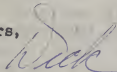
You just cannot imagine some of the ridiculous problems which have arisen in various states with the researchers. One chap quite bluntly told me he was willing

to be chief researcher, but just couldn't do any work! Two fellows in another state each want the position, one of whom was appointed by 'red, which, of course, I'm going along with, so the other fellow refuses to have any part in it despite the fact he has a good collection. And so it goes; I'm constantly trying to placate and cajole and coax! But, we are making good progress in many areas and interest is increasing in the entire series gradually, which is good for everyone concerned.

My Penna. list is still being checked out, and just as soon as I get it back, and add a dozen items of scrip, I'll send it on for your inspection. Tom Warfield, of Baltimore asked me several weeks ago to prepare a display of Penna. material, which has taken some time, but it is in the nature of missionary work, I guess, so tomorrow I'll be driving to Waynesboro, Penna., to set it up, and then return Sunday. As the hills will be bright with color, Betty is going along, and it will give her a chance to drive up to Chambersburg to visit her old college campus at "Wilson College! So, I'll have some colonial notes, obsoletes and scrip, a few uncut sheets, some engraved die-proofs as they appear on Penna. notes, a letter from Danforth, Bald & Co., relative to shipments of paper and plates for the Hagerstown, Md., Bank, etc., which is about the best I can do.

Early next week I'll write again, and send some money, as one chap wants to see me over the week-end relative to disposing of some items, which, I hope will be good ones. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



P. S. I don't know if these are of interest to you or not, but you can check them over.

October 19, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

The Marckhoff material arrived with respect to the Utah and Nebraska listings. It is in a jumble and I will have to straighten it out. There is also some additional Western material relating to Colorado, Montana, California, etc. The most important thing is that it has been pried loose and therefore will shortly be able to be worked on. I will, of course, send it to the men you named.

I believe it is essential for Fred Marckhoff to get credit for having worked up the material in substantial form prior to his death and I want to be sure both of your researchers comply with that request. There are quantities of photographs involved.

The three North Carolina pieces are the type I like to receive and, unfortunately, have them all in my collection. They are returned herewith.

Don't hesitate to send me anything which you think I might enjoy having.

Whatever happened to the collection we were going to tackle together, or is that matter still pending?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

December 1, 1967

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

My "reminder file" indicates that in your letter of May 27, 1967 you stated that the full remittance of the \$9,760.58 for the Marckhoff collection would be made by December 1, 1967. Perhaps it is in the mail already.

My records show that you paid \$3500 on this account. I owe you \$20 on the sheet which you sent me and I have on approval from you four Florida notes at \$150 each which I would buy if the price for the group could be reasonably improved. Would you please let me hear from you as to these financial matters.

I just had a visit from Rocky Rockholt who was working in St. Louis and he certainly is sincere in his desire to do a good job for you.

I have your Indiana manuscript to check over but have just too much business work to do for the present and will get to it as soon as possible.

There is so much fancy work going on in numismatics you are lucky you are in paper money as that field, for the present, is not one where the business artistry is being applied.

I plan to become a grandfather any day and assume that this will make me somewhat more mature.

I just bought my daughter an old cider press so that she can make fresh cider in rural Connecticut.

I hope you and your wife are fine and know that you will have a delightful Christmas holiday.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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December nineteenth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your phone call, and I'm enclosing \$500 on account. The Uncut sheets have been the most difficult things to sell. I've advertised them in the magazines, but have sold only a very few, but I'm certain they will move better later.

Here also are two notes, which you might like to inspect, priced at \$8.50 and \$10.50 respectively. They are in sheets of 1-1-1-2 denominations, when originally printed.

I forgot to inquire as to whether you had reached the exalted status of "Grandfather!" I do hope mother and child are well, in the event this has occurred.

I'm writing today too, to our Nebraska researcher, to inform him that there is little you can offer, and he might as well go ahead and finish up his manuscript. As I stated, just make notations of the notes you might add to the Indiana list, return it to me, and I'll then finish editing it so we can get it off for printing estimates.

Betty joins me in sending our very kindest wishes for the Holiday Season to you and your loved ones, and I'll send some more money just as soon as I can do so. As ever, I remain,

Cordially yours,

